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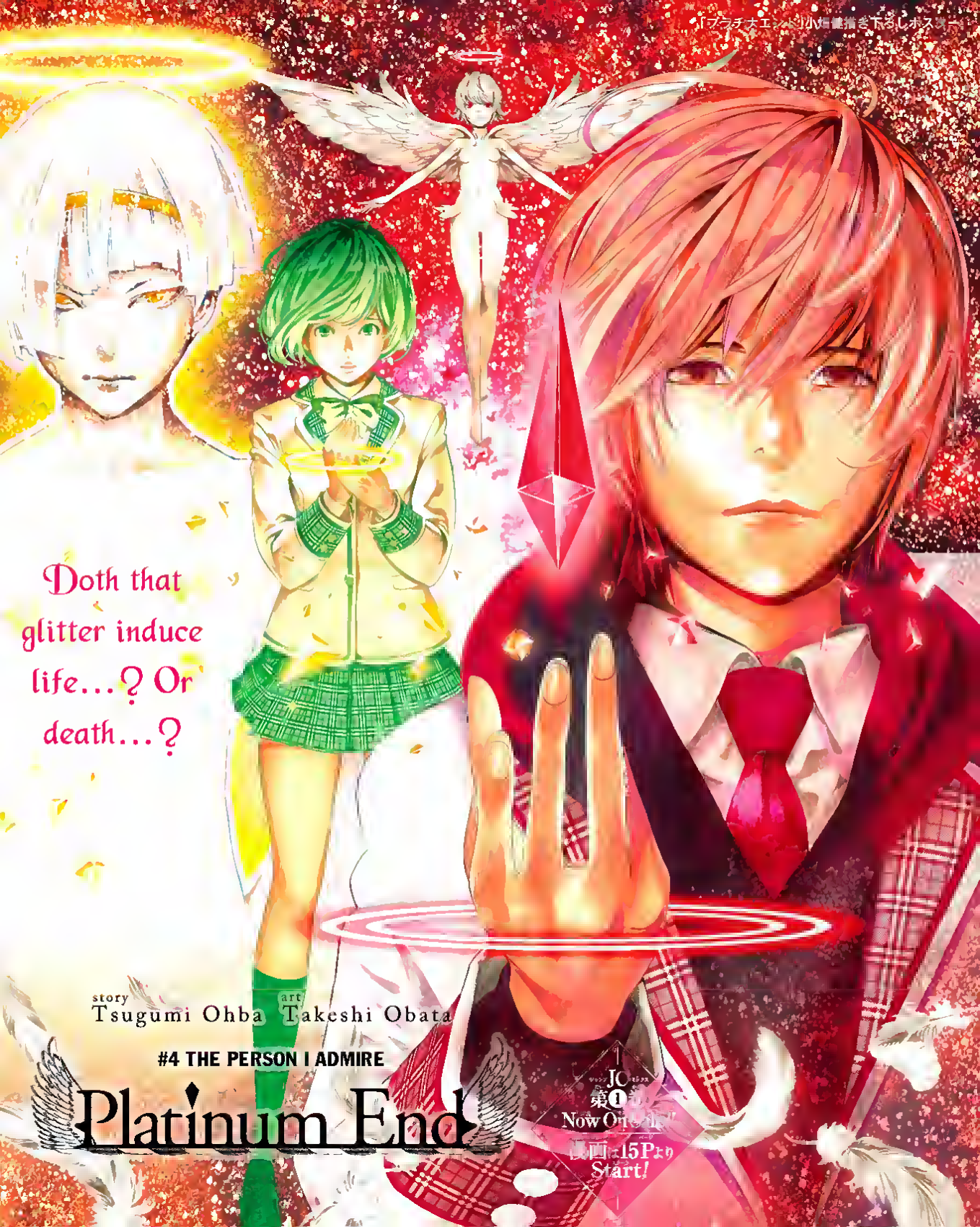

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#4 THE PERSON I ADMIRE

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THE ONE WHO GOT PIERCED
WAS HE WHO ALWAYS KEPT
HIS FEELINGS HIDDEN...!!!

I'VE BEEN PIERCED...!
BUT I ALREADY LOVED SAKI FROM THE BEGINNING, SO...
DON
SHE PIERCED ME WITH THE RED ARROW
BY SAKI
SHE'S ALSO A CANDIDATE
PERFECT! NOW I'LL FALL DEEPLY IN LOVE WITH SAKI.
AH... I'VE BEEN PIERCED AND I'M STILL CONSCIOUS.
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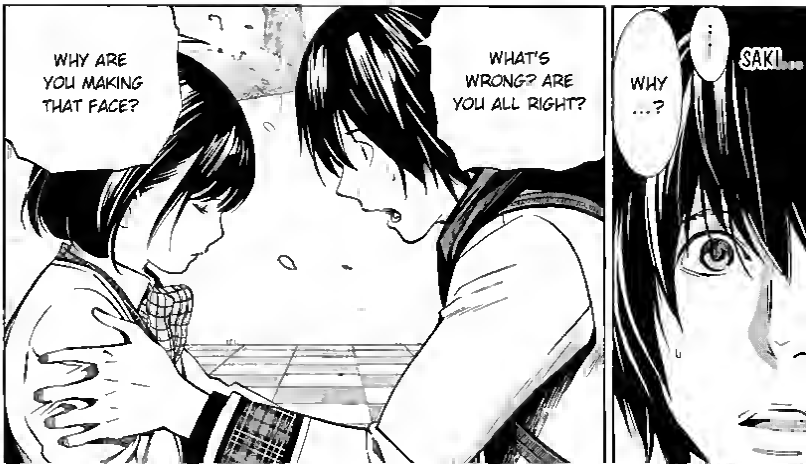
IT SHOULDN'T CHANGE ANYTH-

I LOVE YOU...
I LOVE YOU.
SAKI, I LIKE YOU.
I REALLY LOVE YOU...


WHY ARE YOU MAKING THAT FACE?
WHAT'S WRONG? ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
SAKI...
WHY ...?

DAMMIT, I TOLD HER HOW TO ACT IN MOMENTS LIKE THESE.
SAKI, DO AS I TOLD YOU.
I'LL DO ANYTHING FOR YOU!
SAY SOMETHING, ANYTHING!
DO YOU HAVE "WINGS", KAKEHASHI?
.....
SAKI.
YEAH, I DO.
ALL RIGHT, HE'S A WINGS USER
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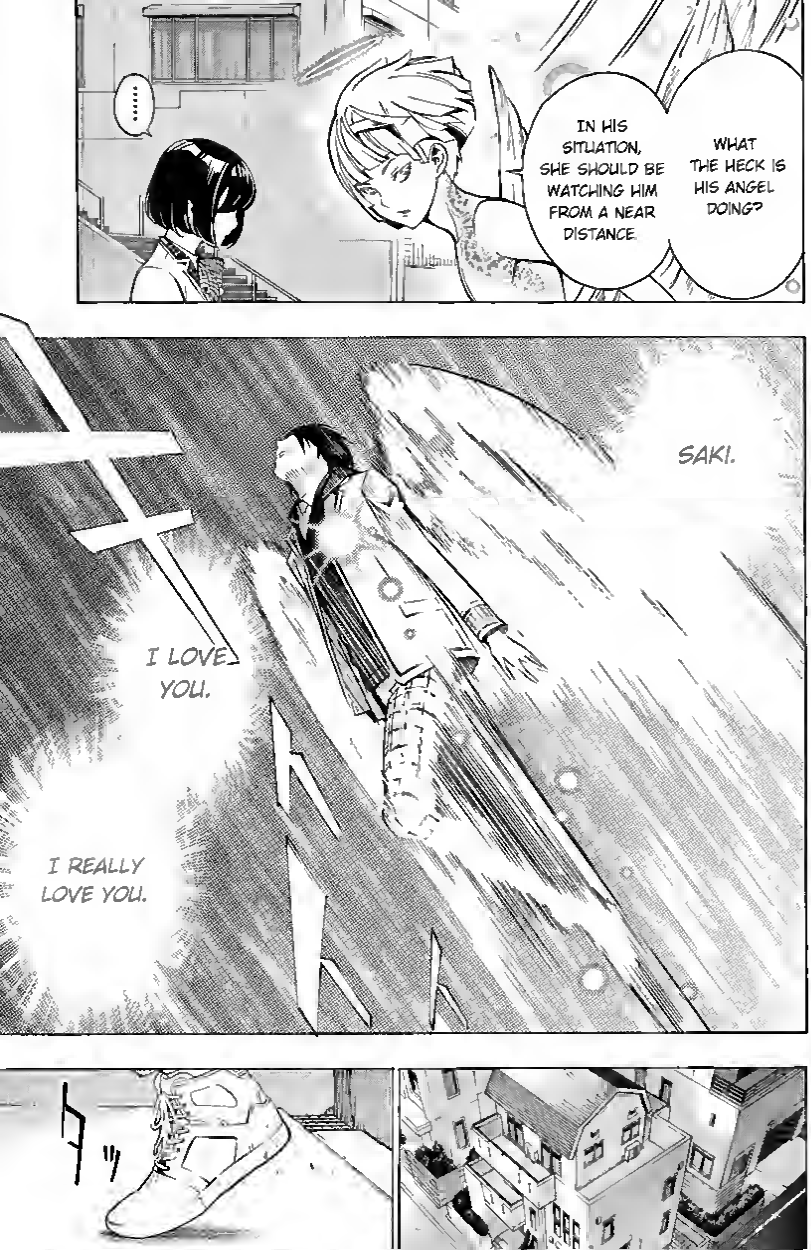
DO YOU REMEMBER WHERE MY HOUSE IS?
I LOVE YOU.
OF COURSE!
MY BEDROOM IS ON THE THIRD FLOOR.
YOU CAN ENTER BY THE WINDOW, SO STAY IN A SPOT NO ONE CAN SEE YOU AND WAIT ME.
EH? ARE YOU SURE?!
I'LL BE WAITING!
SAKI.
I'LL GET BACK AFTER THE ENTRANCE CEREMONY.
SAKI.
SURE!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IN HIS SITUATION, SHE SHOULD BE WATCHING HIM FROM A NEAR DISTANCE.
WHAT THE HECK IS HIS ANGEL DOING?
SAKI.
I LOVE YOU.
I REALLY LOVE YOU.
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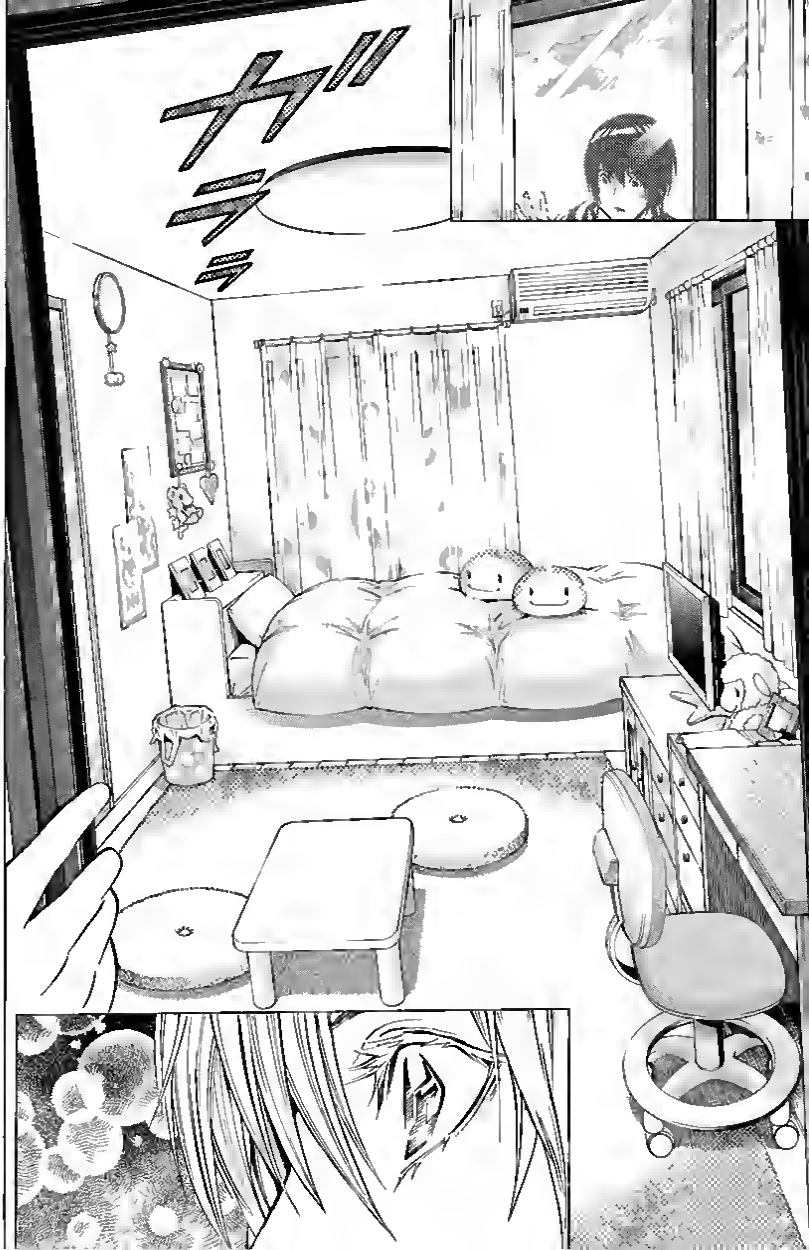
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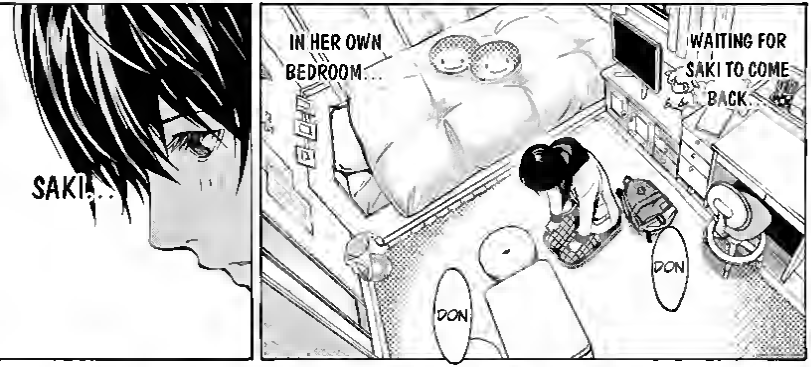

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SAKI.
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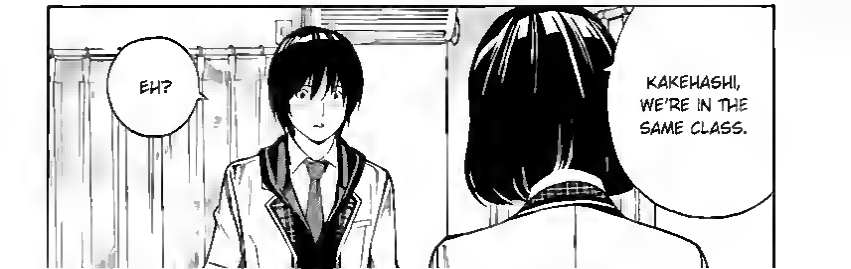
EH?
KAKEHASHI, WE'RE IN THE SAME CLASS.

THE RED ARROW SURE IS WORKING
HE'LL ANSWER ALMOST ANYTHING YOU ASK HIM.
REALLY?
THE SAME CLASS..
SAKI, I LOVE YOU
SAKI, ASK HIM
TELL US, KAKEHASHI.
.....
IS YOUR ANGEL A CLASS 1 ANGEL, OR A CLASS 2?
SPECIAL?!
SHE SAID SHE WAS A SPECIAL CLASS.
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YEAH...
ALTHOUGH I TOLD HER I DIDN'T NEED IT...
DO YOU HAVE THE "WHITE ARROW"?
WHETHER HE HAS THE WHITE ARROW OR NOT
SAKI, ASK HIM...
YOU'RE WRONG!
EH? NO, THAT'S NOT IT.
DON'T TELL ME...
ARE YOU METROPOLI MAN?!

SO I WANT YOU TO BECOME HER "WINGS".
SAKI DOESN'T HAVE THE "WINGS" TO RUN FROM THE "ARROW."
WINGS?
KAKEHASHI MIRAI, LISTEN TO ME, PLEASE.
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NO, IT'S BETTER IF HE'S NOT METROPOLI MAN...
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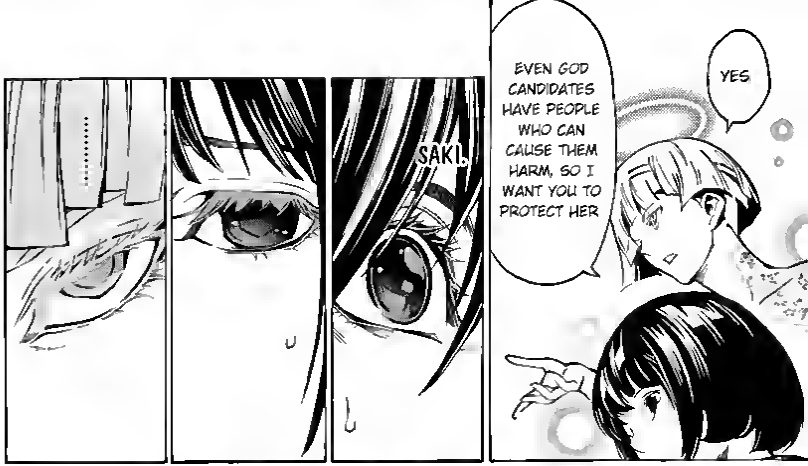
WELL, I GUESS WE'RE NOT THAT LUCKY...


EVEN GOD CANDIDATES HAVE PEOPLE WHO CAN CAUSE THEM HARM, SO I WANT YOU TO PROTECT HER
YES
SAKI.
.....

OF COURSE.
I'LL BECOME SAKI'S WINGS.

FIRST, JOIN YOUR HANDS.
?
WE DON'T KNOW WHEN SOMETHING CAN HAPPEN,
SO HURRY UP AND DO SOME FLIGHT PRACTICE
VERY WELL.
FLIGHT PRACTICE?
OUR HANDS. .
ARE YOU SURE?
.....
DON
DON
HER HAND IS.
WOAH
SAKI'S FINGERS
DON
DON
AND OH SO WARM...
SO SMALL, AND SOFT,

LINK YOUR ARM RINGS TOGETHER
THEY WILL BECOME YOUR LIFELINE

EH? SEEMS LIKE WE'RE DANCING.
EHM... LIKE THIS?
AS LONG AS NEITHER OF YOU THINKS OF LETTING GO, THE SEAL WON'T BREAK.
GET BEHIND HER AND EMBRACE HER
EHM.
WELL THEN, LET'S FLY.

WONDERFUL...
RIGHT NOW SAKI AND ME...
ARE THE ONLY ONES IN THIS OPEN SKY...

SAKI...
NO.
AREN'T YOU AFRAID?
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EH?
SAKI, CHEER UP.
OH, YEAH I'LL SHOW YOU SOMETHING AWESOME.
.....
YEAH

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!

IF THERE'S SOMETHING BUGGING YOU, JUST SAY IT
I WANT TO HELP YOU.
I'LL DO ANYTHING TO MAKE YOU SMILE.
.....
THANKS, BUT IT'S MY PROBLEM, SO...
DON'T WORRY...

IT CHEERED ME UP A LITTLE.
BUT I'M GLAD I TALKED TO KAKEHASHI TODAY.
I'M GLAD IT DID!!
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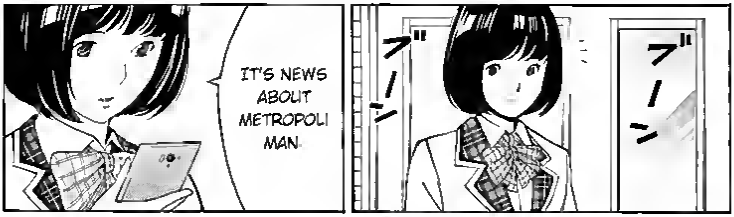

SFX: BRRRRM BRRRRRM (PHONE VIBRATING)

METROPOLI MAN NEWS
METROPOLI MAN CAPTURES A MAN HOLDING A KNIFE IN AKIHABARA!
TODAY AT 3PM, THE SUSPECT, TOKITA MOCHIFURI* WAS WALKING AROUND AKIHABARA WITH A 35CM KITCHEN KNIFE. METROPOLI MAN APPEARED OUT OF NOWHERE AND ARRESTED HIM.
YES, RUBEL - MY ANGEL SAID THAT I SHOULD TRY TO BETTER UNDERSTAND METROPOLI MAN
ABOUT METROPOLI MAN?

T/N: THE ROMANIZATION OF THE SUSPECT'S NAME IS A BEST GUESS

TONIGHT, METROPOLI MAN, HAVING ARRESTED WOULD-BE SLASHER, IS DOING A LIVE APPEARANCE IN SAKURA TV...
RIGHT NOW, METROPOLI MAN IS OUR BIGGEST CONCERN
.....
AND THIS IS WHAT I THINK
HE'S PLAYING THE HERO ROLE RIGHT NOW, BUT HE IS ACTUALLY MURDERING THE REST OF THE CANDIDATES IN ORDER TO BECOME GOD.
THE HUMAN WHO'LL BE GOD SHOULD BE DECIDED IN AN IMPARTIAL MEETING, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT HIS OR HER PERSONALITY AND BEHAVIOR.

SOME-ONE...
SOMEONE HAS TO RECTIFY HIM
HIS ANGEL IS A SPECIAL CLASS .. HE'S GOT THE WHITE ARROW TOO.
AT THIS RATE, HE'LL TARGET SAKI TOO...
SAKI..

NO. SAKI DYING...
I WON'T LET IT HAPPEN!!
AT 6PM I'M GONNA GO TO...
SAKURA TV!!
SAKI.
!
BUT IT'S DANGER-OUS..
DON'T WORRY, IF I HAVE TO...
IF YOU HAVE TO..?

I'LL TAKE THE ARROW FOR SAKI, TO PROTECT HER...
YOU CAN'T!
KAKE-HASHI...
.....

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? I WAS WORRIED BECAUSE YOU WERE LATE..
NA... NASSE?!
NASSE!
I HEARD OUTSIDE THAT SAKI, THE GIRL YOU ALWAYS LIKED, SHOT YOU THE RED ARROW AND NOT THE OPPOSITE

IT'S OK. I'M HAPPY LIKE THIS.
.....
THE TITLE OF SPECIAL ANGEL IS GIVEN TO THOSE WHO EXCEL AT SOMETHING... IN THE CASE OF NASSE, IS PURITY.
THE TYPE I'M THE WORST AT HANDLING...
BUT WAIT... BECAUSE OF THE WAY SHE THINKS, MIGHTN'T ACTUALLY BE EASY TO DEAL WITH HER...?
.....

IT COULD TURN INTO A MUTUAL SLAUGHTER.
.....
DO YOU REALLY THINK METROPOLI MAN WILL ACCEPT A CHAT?
.....
RIGHT, RUBEL?
IF THE HOLDER DIES, THE WINGS AND THE ARROW CAN BE TRANS-FERRED
B) IF METROPOLI MAN DIES, YOU'LL JUST MAKE MIRAI HAND THEM OVER TO SAKI ANYWAY. THAT WAS YOUR PLAN.
SO, IF A) MIRAI DIES, SAKI GETS HIS WINGS AND WHITE ARROW, OR

THANKS TO THE POWER OF THE RED ARROW, THOUGH, MIRAI CANNOT THINK CALMLY NOW.
SAKI!
BUT...
KAKEHASHI, DON'T LEAVE.
DEFINITELY, DON'T LEAVE.
OKAY!
SAKI...

FUUU
HEH EHE
I'M SORRY, I APOLOGIZE.
AAAAH, I THOUGHT IT WAS A GOOD IDEA, BUT
NO
"TACTICIAN" WOULD BE ANOTHER TERM FOR IT.
BUT YOU ARE NOT THAT GOOD, THAT'S WHY YOU'RE A SECOND CLASS.
.....
THIS IS WHY THEY CALL YOU THE EVIL MINDED ANGEL!

ANYWAY
EVERYBODY IS TRYING TO MAKE THE HUMAN THEY CHOSE THE NEW GOD
NO MATTER WHAT TRICK THEY HAVE TO USE.
WELL, SINCE WE'VE COME TO THIS
JUST LIKE YOU, RUBEL
.....
HOW 'BOUT WE JOIN FORCES AND THINK OF A GOOD PLAN?
RIGHT.
EH..?

WAI... WE RE GOING TO ALLY WITH HER...?
SHE JUST TRIED TO KILL ME!
!
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL YOU DO AFTER WE SET YOU FREE FROM THE ARROW'S POWER..
WE'RE TAKING RISKS HERE, TOO.
NASSE!
MIRAI WON'T DO ANYTHING TO SAKI.
SINCE HE'D ALREADY FALLEN FOR HER SINCE AGES AGO.
REALLY?
EH?

HE WON'T! AND EVEN IF HE USED IT, IT WOULDN'T BE WITH PERVY INTENTIONS! THAT'S JUST HOW MUCH HE LOVES HER!
IF HE LIKES HER, WHAT IF HE USES THE RED ARROW ON HER UNNECESSARILY?
JUST TRUST ME ON THIS, WILL YOU?
!
"OK"? NASSE
OK
THEN, BELIEVE ME TOO, PLEASE
ALL RIGHT

IF I CAN BE HAPPY WITH HER, I'LL DO ANYTHING!
FINE. IF I CAN PROTECT SAKI,
SAKI!

DON'T WORRY.
THE ANGELS CAN'T DO ANYTHING DIRECTLY TO THE CANDIDATES.
PLUS, SAKI NEEDS A PAIR OF WINGS, RIGHT?
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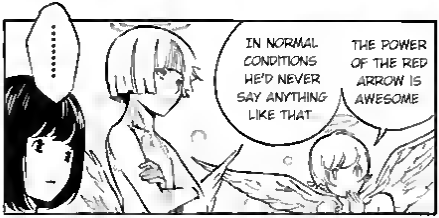
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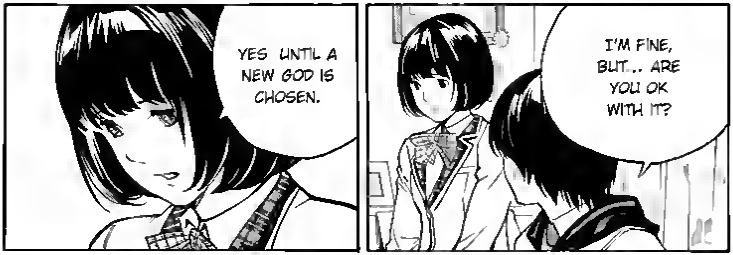
IN NORMAL CONDITIONS HE'D NEVER SAY ANYTHING LIKE THAT.
THE POWER OF THE RED ARROW IS AWESOME

EH?!
I'LL BE LIVING IN THIS ROOM?!
OF COURSE! YOU WANT TO PROTECT SAKI AT ANY TIME, DON'T YOU?


I'M FINE, BUT.. ARE YOU OK WITH IT?
YES UNTIL A NEW GOD IS CHOSEN.

SAKI!

THE CAR IN FRONT OF US, STOP YOUR VEHICLE AT ONCE!
STOP!
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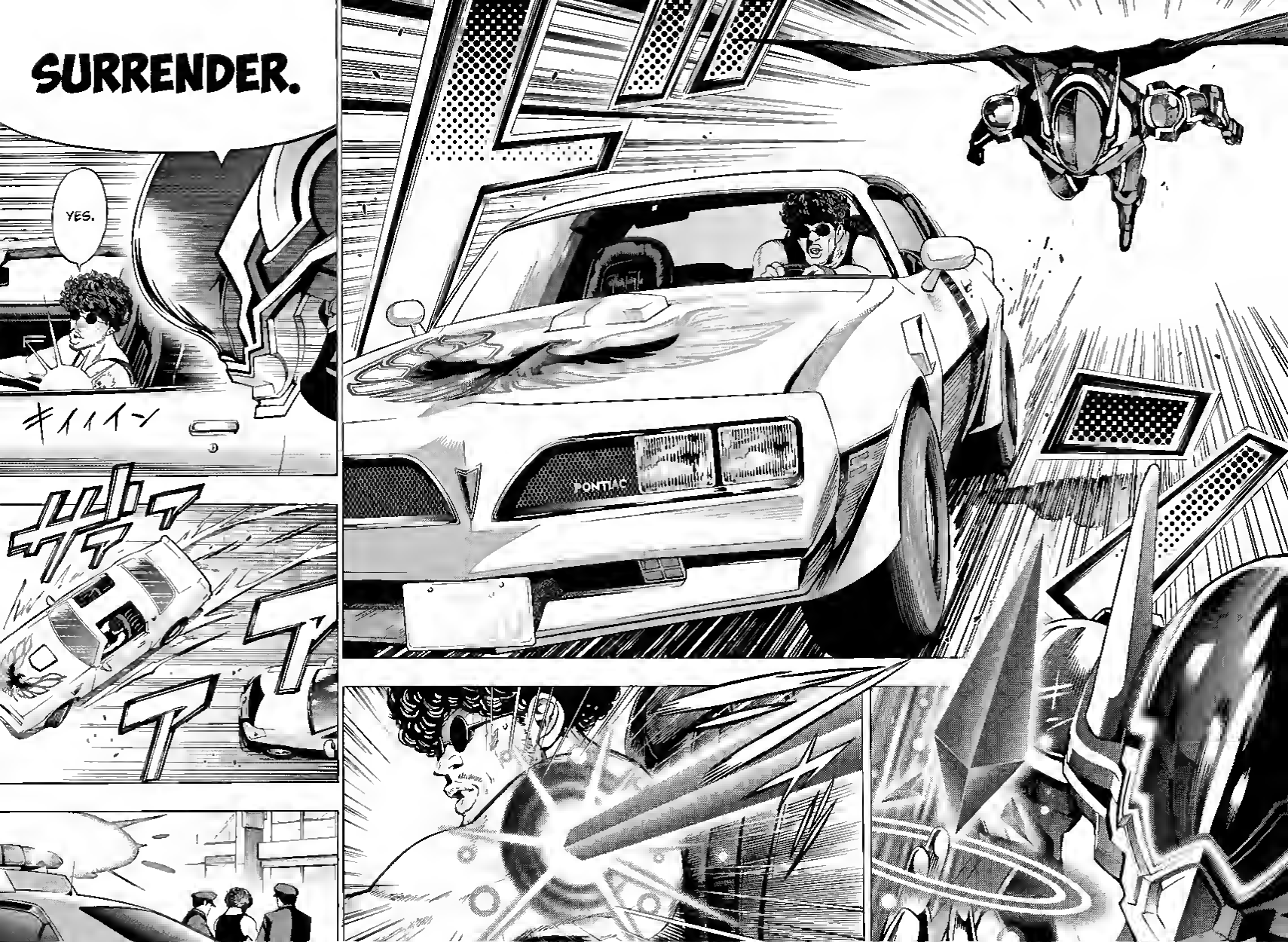
DAMN!
HAH
HAH


SURRENDER.
YES.
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METRO POLI MAN!!
YOU'VE COME TO THE RESCURE ONCE AGAIN!
AH, METROPOLI MAN
EH...
.....
AND THERE GOES METROPOLI MAN WHO HASN'T BEEN VERY TALKATIVE LATELY
SEE YOU.
I ONLY DID WHAT I HAD TO DO
WITHOUT ANY VICTIMS!
AND TODAY YOU ARRESTED THIS DRUG DEALER...
YESTERDAY WAS THE MAN WITH THE KNIFE,

WHAT'S THE MATTER?
DAMN IT ALL!!
AS FOR THE REMAINING 11 YOU CAN COME AT ME WHENEVER YOU WANT!
IT'S BEEN MORE THAN A MONTH SINCE THAT! AND NO ONE HAS COME!
I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT THESE GUYS!
OH, GOD...
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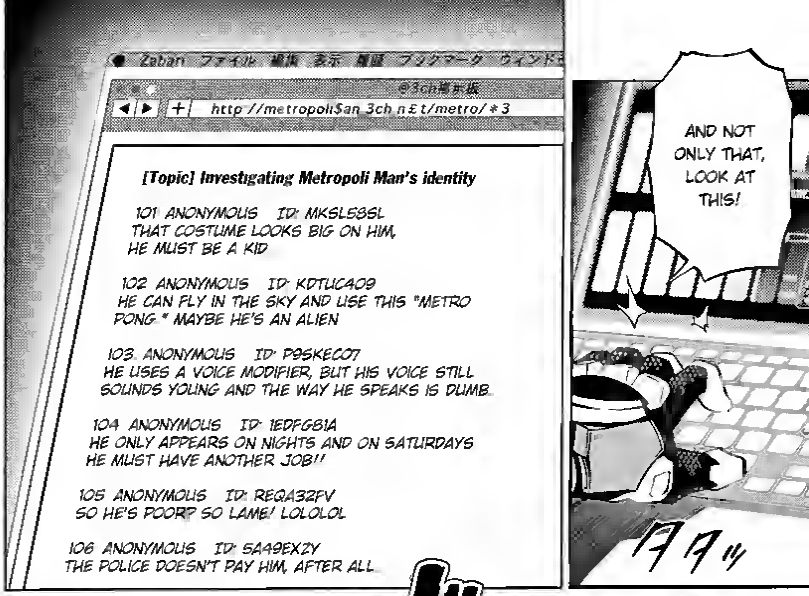
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[Topic] Investigating Metropoli Man's identity
101 ANONYMOUS ID: MKSLE88L
THAT COSTUME LOOKS BIG ON HIM,
HE MUST BE A KID
102 ANONYMOUS ID: KDTUCA09
HE CAN FLY IN THE SKY AND USE THIS "METRO
PONG." MAYBE HE'S AN ALIEN
103 ANONYMOUS ID: P9SKEC07
HE USES A VOICE MODIFIER, BUT HIS VOICE STILL
SOUNDS YOUNG AND THE WAY HE SPEAKS IS DUMB.
104 ANONYMOUS ID: 1EDFG81A
HE ONLY APPEARS ON NIGHTS AND ON SATURDAYS
HE MUST HAVE ANOTHER JOB!!
105 ANONYMOUS ID: REQA32FV
SO HE'S POOR? SO LAME! LOLOLOL
106 ANONYMOUS ID: SA49EXZY
THE POLICE DOESN'T PAY HIM, AFTER ALL.
AND NOT ONLY THAT, LOOK AT THIS!
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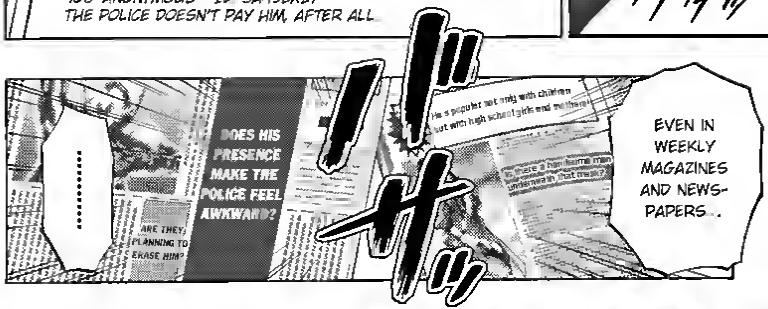
DOES HIS PRESENCE MAKE THE POLICE FEEL AWKWARD?
ARE THEY PLANNING TO ERASE HIM?
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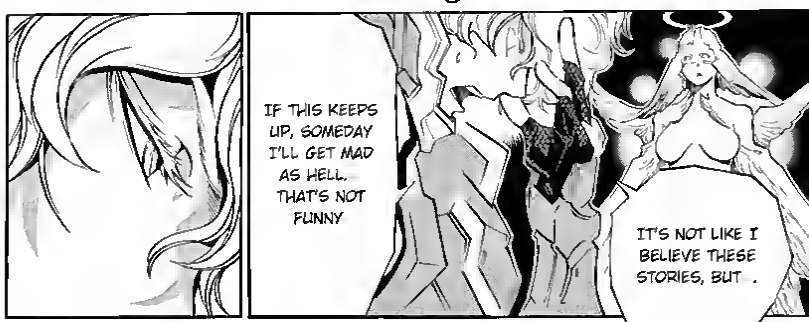
EVEN IN WEEKLY MAGAZINES AND NEWS-PAPERS.


IF THIS KEEPS UP, SOMEDAY I'LL GET MAD AS WELL. THAT'S NOT FUNNY
IT'S NOT LIKE I BELIEVE THESE STORIES, BUT.

DO THEY FEAR ME THAT MUCH, THE REMAINING 11..?
THEY'RE AFRAID OF BEING KILLED, AREN'T THEY?
THEY'RE AFRAID OF BEING KILLED...?
IT THAT'S THE CASE...

SEE? NOTHING'S CHANGED.
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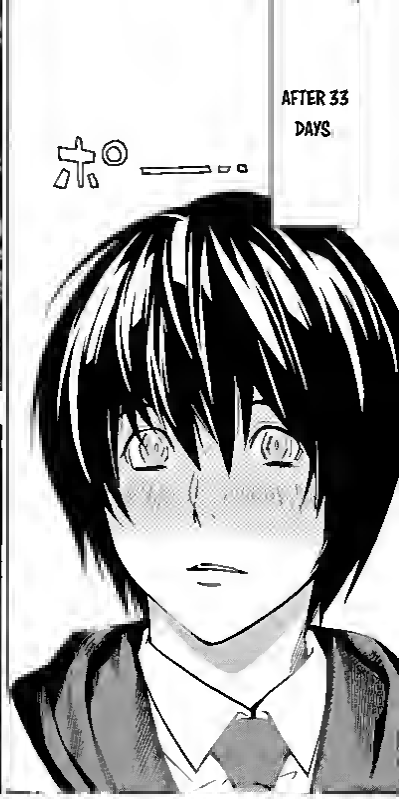
AFTER 33 DAYS
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YOU'RE SO CRUEL, RUBEL. YOU TIED HIM UP WHEN THE ARROW'S POWER WAS ABOUT TO DISAPPEAR
JUST MAKING ASSURANCE DOUBLE SURE

HMMM, IT REALLY DOES SEEM LIKE MIRAI LIKED SAKI SINCE BEFORE ..
HIS BLUSH WON'T FADE.
I'M SORRY

BUT, I'M GLAD YOU SHOT ME.
I COULD TELL YOU ABOUT MY FEELINGS, AND ACT ON THEM.
THANKS TO YOU, I REALIZED...
HOW IMPORTANT THAT WAS.
PLUS,
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I COULD ALSO FEEL TRUE HAPPINESS BY BEING TOGETHER WITH YOU.

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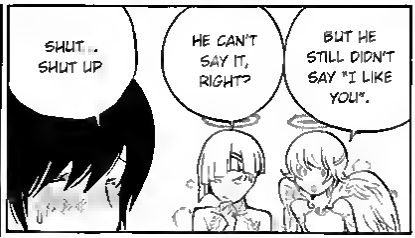
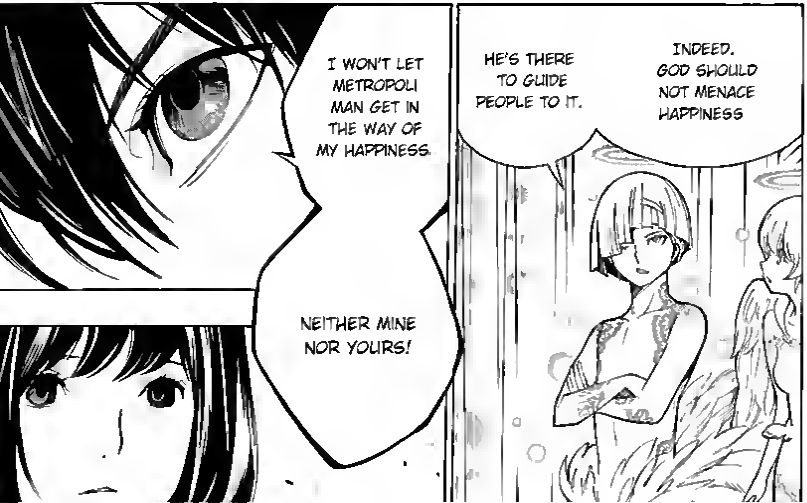
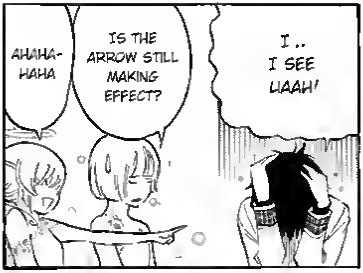
SO...

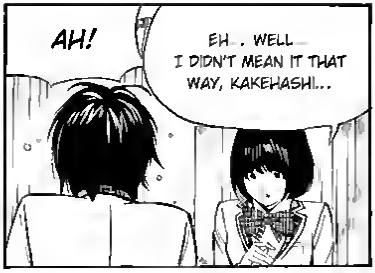

SHUT.. SHUT UP
HE CAN'T SAY IT, RIGHT?
BUT HE STILL DIDN'T SAY "I LIKE YOU".

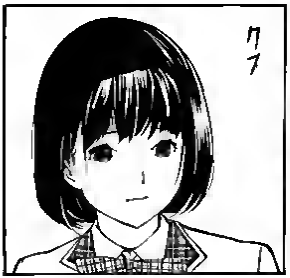
METROPOLI MAN IS NOT SUITABLE TO BE GOD, SINCE HE'S THREATENING THAT HAPPINESS.


I WON'T LET METROPOLI MAN GET IN THE WAY OF MY HAPPINESS.
NEITHER MINE NOR YOURS!
HE'S THERE TO GUIDE PEOPLE TO IT.
INDEED. GOD SHOULD NOT MENACE HAPPINESS

KAKEHASHI,
IF I COULD SAY MORE...
I'D SAY THAT I WANT TO BE HAPPY WITH SAKI...
YES. LET'S BECOME HAPPY, THE TWO OF US.
I'VE THOUGHT THAT
AFTER SEEING YOU,
I ALSO HAVE TO BE HAPPY


AHAHA-HAHA
IS THE ARROW STILL MAKING EFFECT?
I.. I SEE UAAH!


AH!
EH.. WELL... I DIDN'T MEAN IT THAT WAY, KAKEHASHI...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OUR PHONES RANG AT THE SAME TIME.
BUBU BU
DON'T TELL ME..
YEAH

RING
!
8:12
5 Friday
New notification

METROPOLI MAN NEWS
I KNEW IT.
TODAY, AT 6:05 PM, METROPOLI MAN WILL ANNOUNCE SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT!! HE PLANS TO DO IT ON EVERY CHANNEL AT THE SAME TIME!
SINCE HE SUDDENLY APPEARED, HE'S BEEN TREATED LIKE A REAL HERO
IS NOW FED UP WITH TH
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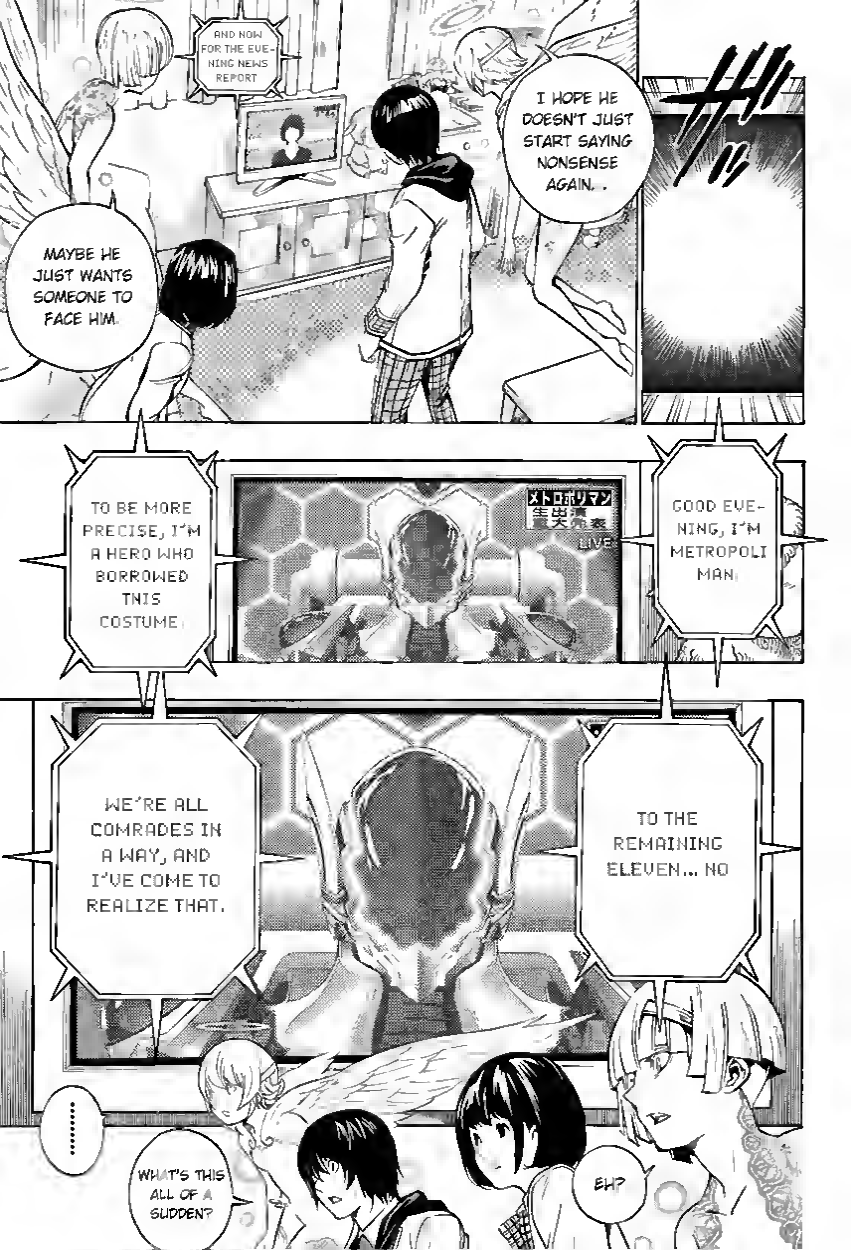
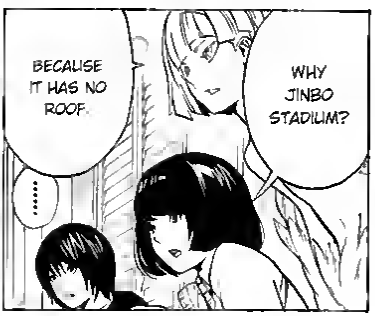

AND NOW FOR THE EVENING NEWS REPORT
I HOPE HE DOESN'T JUST START SAYING NONSENSE AGAIN. .
MAYBE HE JUST WANTS SOMEONE TO FACE HIM.
GOOD EVENING, I'M METROPOLI MAN.
メトロポリマン
生出演
緊大発表
LIVE
TO BE MORE PRECISE, I'M A HERO WHO BORROWED TNIS COSTUME.
TO THE REMAINING ELEVEN... NO
WE'RE ALL COMRADES IN A WAY, AND I'VE COME TO REALIZE THAT.
EH?
WHAT'S THIS ALL OF A SUDDEN?
.....

LET'S HAVE A MEETING, ALL 12 OF US!!
I WISH FOR A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION.
IT HAS TO BE A TRAP.
AND HERE HE GOES AGAIN WITH NON-SENSE..
A MEET-ING...?

I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU.
I RESERVED FOR THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW, THAT IS, SUNDAY AT 15 00.
JINBO STADIUM
THE PLACE WILL BE
EH?
THAT'S IT?

HE'S TRYING TO MAKE YOU THINK OF THAT OPTION.
THEN IF WE BLENDED IN WITH THE CROWD TO GO OBSERVE THE SITUATION...
AND HE CAN EXPECT A LOT OF PEOPLE WILL COME TO WATCH.
LIVE


WHY JINBO STADIUM?
BECAUSE IT HAS NO ROOF.
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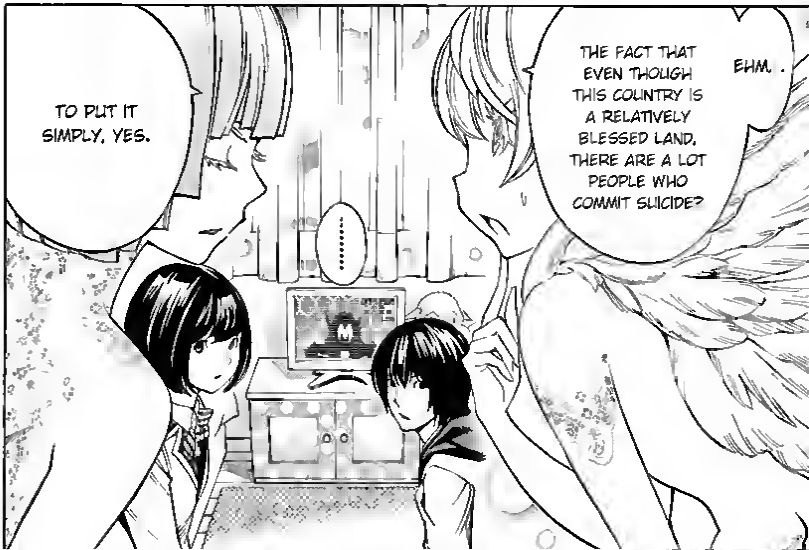
I MEAN THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW IS TOO SHORT-NOTICE, ISN'T IT? THE CANDIDATES WHO DOESN'T HAVE WINGS...
A TRAP, HUH? THAT'S RIGHT.

AH
YOU DIDN'T TELL HIM, NASSE?
EH?
THEY ARE ALL WITHIN THE COUNTRY'S BORDERS. SO THEY'LL BE ABLE TO COME


TO PUT IT SIMPLY, YES.
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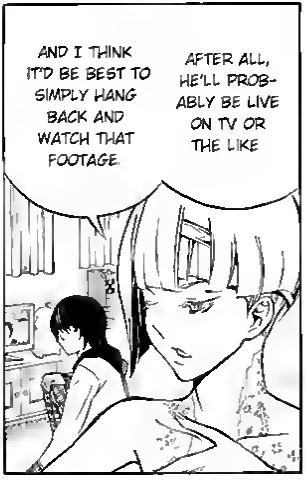
THE FACT THAT EVEN THOUGH THIS COUNTRY IS A RELATIVELY BLESSED LAND, THERE ARE A LOT PEOPLE WHO COMMIT SUICIDE?
EHM. .

IF YOU GO, YOU'LL BE KILLED
METROPOLI MAN WILL SURELY GO...
.....
LIVE
WELL SAID, FOR SOMEONE WHO TRIED TO SEND HIM TO DEATH..
THAT PROVES THAT WE'RE ALLIES NOW.
I ALSO BELIEVE THAT HE DOESN'T REALLY WANT TO TALK
TO HAVE A TALK IN A STADIUM IS WEIRD
YES

"IF YOU ARE A CANDIDATE WITH WINGS, YOU CAN ESCAPE AT ANY TIME, SO COME".
IT'S LIKE HE'S SAYING ...
IF HE WANTS TO TALK, A CONFERENCE ROOM WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH

NO... ……
MIRAI, YOU'RE NOT THINKING ABOUT GOING, ARE YOU?

YEAH..


AND I THINK IT'D BE BEST TO SIMPLY HANG BACK AND WATCH THAT FOOTAGE.
AFTER ALL, HE'LL PROBABLY BE LIVE ON TV OR THE LIKE

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THIS IS THE PLACE WHERE SOMETHING IS GOING TO HAPPEN...!!
PLATINUM END. TO BE CONTINUED IN THE APRIL ISSUE

#5 TIME OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT

Platinum End

STORY: OOBA TSUGUMI
ART: OHBATA TAKESHI

THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT THE OTHER CANDIDATES HAVE COME...
LOOK AT THOSE ANGELS...
OH, IT'S A HELI-COPTER!
IT'S FOR FREE SO I'M NOT COMPLAINING.
I CAN'T WAIT.
AREN'T THEY GONNA FIGHT?
BUT WHY A MEETING?
WE'RE GONNA SEE METROPOLI MAN IN PERSON!

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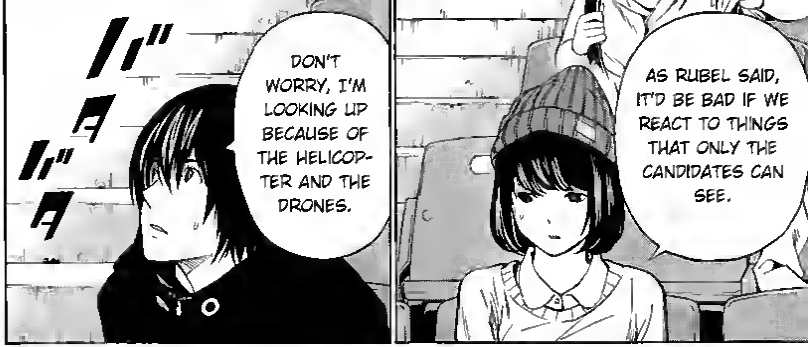
HOW MANY CANDIDATES ARE THERE HERE...?
I DON'T REALLY THINK HE WANTS TO JUST *TALK*...
LET'S HAVE A CHAT, THE 11 OF YOU AND ME!!
AH, YEAH.
KAKEHASHI DON'T LOOK UP SO MUCH...
SHUSHUSH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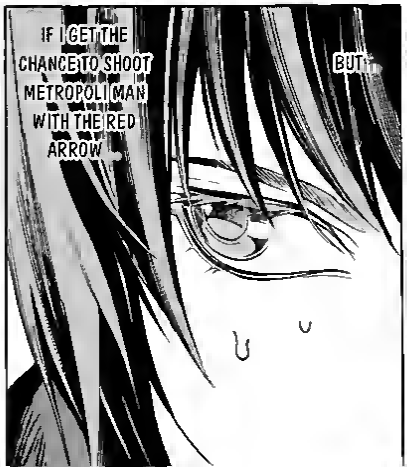
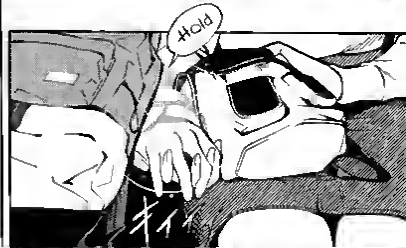
DON'T WORRY, I'M LOOKING UP BECAUSE OF THE HELICOPTER AND THE DRONES.
AS RUBEL SAID, IT'D BE BAD IF WE REACT TO THINGS THAT ONLY THE CANDIDATES CAN SEE.

IN THE WORST OF CASES, LEAVE THAT PLACE SO FAST THEY CAN'T SEE YOU.
IF YOU ARE GOING TO GO NO MATTER WHAT, DON'T DO ANYTHING A NORMAL PERSON WOULDN'T DO.


IF I GET THE CHANCE TO SHOOT METROPOLI MAN WITH THE RED ARROW
BUT...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YEAH.
AND THIS WHOLE THING IS BETWEEN US, OKAY?
BUT AS LONG AS WE'RE MIXED UP IN THIS CROWD WE'LL BE FINE.
AND BROADCASTING THEM ON TV. THAT'S WHAT THOSE CAMERAS ON THEM MUST BE FOR.
I THINK THAT THE DRONES ARE CATCHING THE FACES OF EVERYONE WHO CAME.
THIS IS SAKURA TV. WE'RE BRINGING YOU EXCLUSIVE FOOTAGE OF THE SITUATION AT JINBO STADIUM.
WILL THE MEETING BETWEEN METROPOLIMAN AND THE OTHER 11 BE HAPPENING OR NOT?
WE CAN'T LOOK AWAY. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITH THESE PEOPLE CALLED "ENEMIES" AT FIRST
SAKI...
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THEY'RE NOT JUST SECURITY OFFICERS, THEY'RE POLICEMEN!
LOOK AT THIS SECURITY, IT SEEMS LIKE THEY'RE IN A STATE OF HIGH ALERT!
AND I'M HERE WITH MR. MASAYOSHI, WHO CLAIMS TO BE THE ONE WHO KNOWS METROPOLI MAN BEST
YES, I'M HERE AT JINBO STADIUM, AND THESE STANDS ARE PACKED
LET US CONNECT WITH DEMAKAWA, AT THE STADIUM
THE HOUR METROPOLI MAN RESERVED, 3 O'CLOCK, IS FAST APPROACHING

HE CAME!
OOOOOH HE APPEARED! RIGHT ON TIME!
OOOH
AAAH!
THAT IS...

METRO BLUE AND YELLOW !!
THIS IS NO MOVIE NOR SPECIAL EFFECT!
THEY'RE REAL, THE REAL THING! AND 3 OF THEM, TO BOOT!!
YES!
KAKE-HASHI!
AWE-SOME! THEY'RE FLYING!!
THE THREE OF THEM APPEARED TOGETH-ER!!
WO...WOW! RIGHT AFTER METROPOLI MAN BLUE AND YELLOW HAVE COME!!
SERI-OUSLY?!
AWE-SOME!!
TASHIBO KIBIN

WINGS
AND
THE RED
ARROW!

THE ONLY
ONES WHO
GOT BOTH
HAVE CLASS 1
ANGELS OR
ABOVE!!

BUT WHY ARE THERE 3 HEROES?
IS THAT A VILLAIN?
ARE THEY GONNA FIGHT?
HE'S GOING TO PIERCE HIM!
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WHY DOESN'T HE FLY AWAY?
BECAUSE HE DOESN'T HAVE WINGS
?

DAMN IT!
SHUU
!?
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AH, I SEE.
EH?
YES, IT MUST HAVE BEEN METROPOLI MAN, RIGHT?
HE'S BEEN ALREADY PIERCE BY THE RED ARROW.
HE'S SOMEONE PIERCED AND CONTROLLED BY THE REAL ONE. UNTIL HIS 33 DAYS HAVE PASSED, HE CANNOT BE PIERCED BY ANOTHER RED ARROW.
SO HE'S NOT REALLY METROPOLI MAN.
I GUESS WE FAILED TO ASSUME THAT "THERE WILL BE OTHERS LIKE US"?
WHEN WE WENT TO BUY THIS METRO SUIT, THERE WEREN'T MANY OF THIS SERIES LEFT, BUT...

HE'S JUST A SUBSTITUTE!
I TOLD YOU HE MIGHT JUST LEAVE A SUBSTITUTE.
IF HE'S BEEN ALREADY PIERCED, I'M 90% SURE HE ISN'T METROPOLI MAN.
ALSO, WHEN HE APPEARED, IT FELT MORE LIKE HE FELL OUT OF NOWHERE THAN HE CAME FLYING
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DID HE JUST DROP HIM AND FLY AWAY?
REAL ONE
FALSE ONE

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? I'M METROPOLI MAN.
I KNOW.
BUT WE'RE NOT 100% SURE THAT HE'S NOT A CANDIDATE. DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN.
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THAT'S WHAT METROPOLI MAN'S *MAKING* YOU SAY. YOU FAKE!
AM I RIGHT?!

COME OUT, REAL METRO-POLI MAN!!!
HE'S JUST A DECOY!
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EH...?
THERE'S ANOTHER PERSON INSIDE THAT COSTUME?
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HE'S NOT THE REAL ONE?
WHAT DOES HE MEAN?
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EVEN IF I DIED HERE, I HAVE NO REGRETS.
.....!
TABUCHI,
DON'T CALL ME BY MY NAME!!
NO,
WE WOULDN'T BE LEFT ALIVE IF HE BECAME GOD TO BEGIN WITH.
AND I DON'T WANNA LIVE IN A WORLD WHERE SOMEONE AS SICKENING AS HIM IS GOD.
TO THINK WE TRIED TO DIE TOGETHER ONCE...
YOU'RE RIGHT.

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IT'S NO GOOD...
I CAN'T KEEP WALKING...
IF I FALL, I'LL DIE...
THAT'S WHAT I DECIDED, BUT...
UUUUUH

HE'S IN MY SAME PREP SCHOOL. HIS NAME WAS... TABUCHI RIGHT?
SOB
SOB
AAH... THIS IS SHIT.
EVEN IF I GO TO ANOTHER COLLEGE NOW, I CAN'T HANDLE THE SHAME...
SOB
I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL.
...I WANT TO...
DIE?
THIS IS YOUR FIRST FAIL, RIGHT? FOR ME IT'S THE THIRD ONE. I WANNA DIE...
NOW THAT I FAILED THE ENTRANCE EXAM, THERE'S NO SECOND CHANCE FOR ME ..
I HAVE A DRUG THAT ALLOWS YOU TO DIE EASILY!
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SO ALL WE DID UNTIL APRIL WAS HANG OUT TOGETHER ALL THE TIME UNTIL WE WERE TO COMMIT SUICIDE TOGETHER.
DAMN IT ALL! THIS ISN'T FUN!
I'M ONLY THINKING "I'M GOING TO DIE SOON" AND I CAN'T HAVE FUN...
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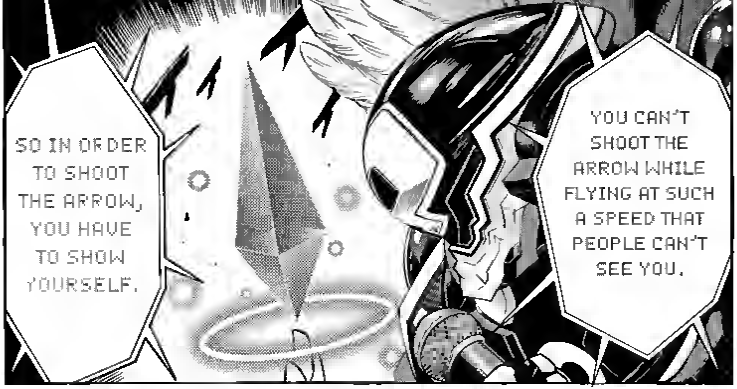
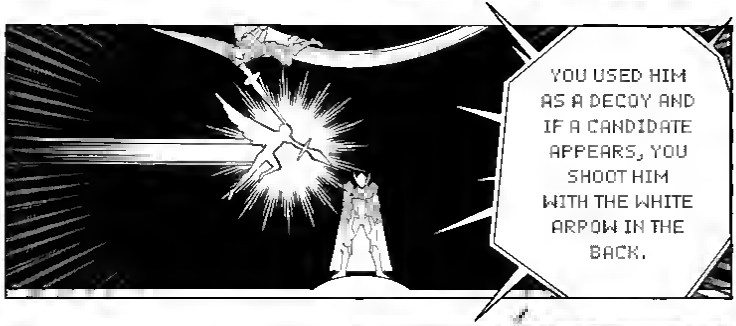
AH?!
HOPE TO LIVE?!
GOD?!
DON'T SAY NONSENSE!!
ANGELS?!

ARE THE BEST...
WE...
AWE-SOME!
OH... OOOOH!
YEAH!
WE KNOW THE LAW AND POLITICS 1,000,000 TIMES BETTER THAN THOSE FOOLS!
WE CAN DO IT!

ME TOO, IF I'M CHOSEN AS GOD, I LL MAKE YOU HAPPY...
IF I BECOME GOD, I'LL MAKE YOU HAPPY!!
AND WE MADE PROMISES IN CASE ONE OF US BECAME GOD...
IF YOU DON'T COME OUT, NOTHING WILL BEGIN!!
WE FELL INTO YOUR TRAP ON PUR-POSE!!
COME OUT!!
YOU WANNA FIGHT?! YOU WANNA TALK?! WHICH ONE YOU WANT?!

I WONDER WHAT'S GOING ON...
SO, THAT BLUE AND YELLOW APE ONE OF THOSE 11 ENEMIES?
HE SAID HE WAS JUST USING THE COSTUME OF THE HERO, AFTER ALL
SO HE WASN'T REALLY METROPOLI MAN?
HMMMM, THIS IS...
IF HE'S NOT THE REAL METROPOLI MAN... WHAT WILL HAPPEN?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
IN THE END, WHAT ARE THEY? ENEMIES? ALLIES...?
DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU WOULDN'T RUN OR HIDE?!
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING!


SO IN ORDER TO SHOOT THE ARROW, YOU HAVE TO SHOW YOURSELF.
YOU CAN'T SHOOT THE ARROW WHILE FLYING AT SUCH A SPEED THAT PEOPLE CAN'T SEE YOU.


YOU USED HIM AS A DECOY AND IF A CANDIDATE APPEARS, YOU SHOOT HIM WITH THE WHITE ARROW IN THE BACK.

WHO KNOWS...
WHAT IS HE SAYING?
ARROW CANDI-DATE GOD...?

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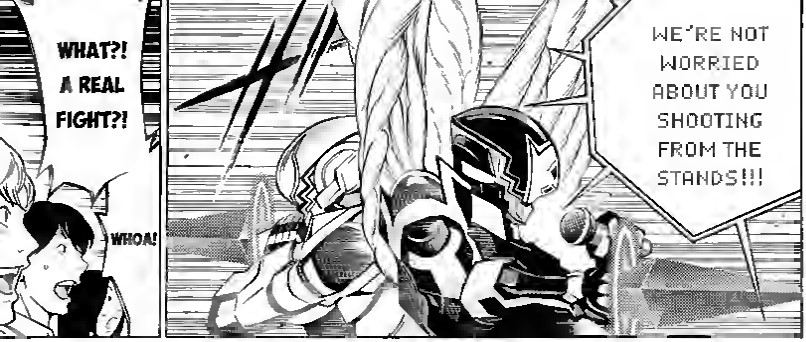
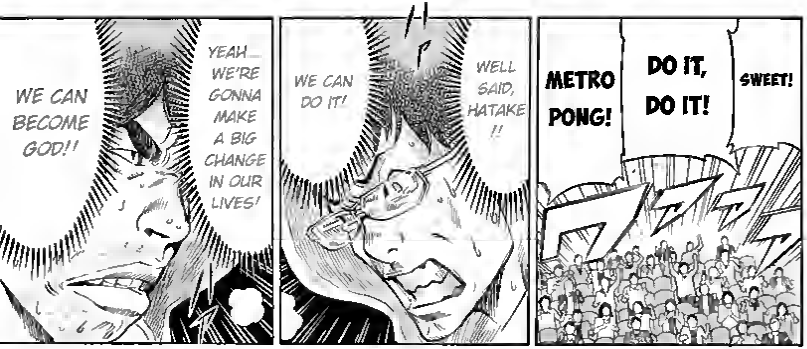
THAT WAY, YOU CAN ELIMINATE ONE OF US WITHOUT FAIL.

HE SURE KNOWS A LOT, THAT METRO BLUE...
YOU CAN'T KILL US BOTH AT THE SAME TIME, YOU NEED 2 SECONDS BETWEEN THE FIRST AND THE SECOND.
BUT WHAT WILL YOU DO IF TWO OF US APPEAR?!
31.6m
THE RANGE OF THE ARROW IS 31.6M.
THAT'S WHY YOU CHOSE THIS STADIUM!
SO YOU CAN ONLY SHOOT THE PERSON ON THE MOUND FROM INSIDE THE GROUND.
BUT THAT'S VERY CONVENIENT FOR US!!


WHAT?! A REAL FIGHT?!
WHOA!
WE'RE NOT WORRIED ABOUT YOU SHOOTING FROM THE STANDS!!!


WE CAN BECOME GOD!!
YEAH... WE'RE GONNA MAKE A BIG CHANGE IN OUR LIVES!
WE CAN DO IT!
WELL SAID, HATAKE!!
METRO PONG!
DO IT, DO IT!
SWEET!

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WELL, NOT EVEN WE KNOW EVERYTHING.
I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE 31.6 METERS
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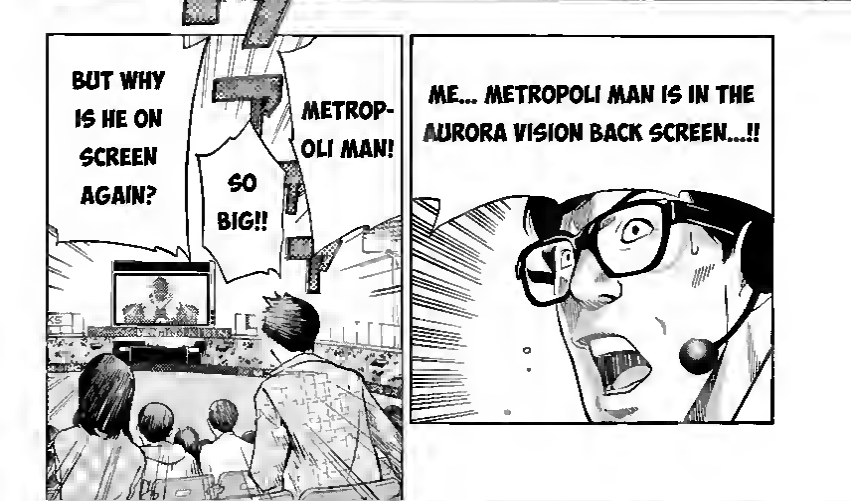
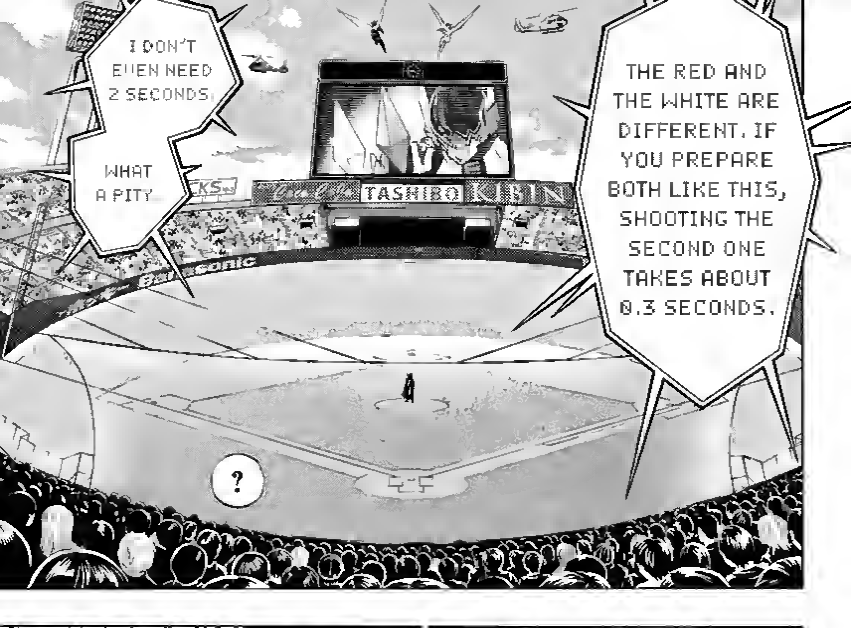
GOOD EVENING, IT'S METROPOLI MAN
TASHIBO


BUT WHY IS HE ON SCREEN AGAIN?
METROP-OLI MAN!
SO BIG!!
ME... METROPOLI MAN IS IN THE AURORA VISION BACK SCREEN...!!

JUST FOR THE RECORD, THE ONE INSIDE THE COSTUME THAT WAS ON THE TV THE OTHER DAY WASN'T ME.
UM, WELL.
I'M THE AUTHENTIC METROPOLI MAN.
?
YOU WERE ALMOST TOTALLY RIGHT.
YOU TWO THERE, IM-PRESSED ME.
HE CANNOT SHOOT ARROWS NOR FLY, SO YOU DON'T NEED TO BE ON GUARD. I CAN TELL YOU THAT.
FIRST, THE ONE ON THE MOUND IS A MERE HUMAN WHOM I SHOT WITH THE RED ARROW.
TASHIBO

THE ONE THING YOU WERE WRONG WAS...
YOU ALSO GOT THE REASON WHY I CHOSE A WIDE BASE-BALL STADIUM RIGHT.
THE WHITE ARROW ...
THE RED AND...


I DON'T EVEN NEED 2 SECONDS.
WHAT A PITY.
THE RED AND THE WHITE ARE DIFFERENT. IF YOU PREPARE BOTH LIKE THIS, SHOOTING THE SECOND ONE TAKES ABOUT 0.3 SECONDS.
TASHIBO KIBIN
?

I DON'T FEEL LIKE LOOKING THAT FOOLISH AND UNCOOL.
I WOULD HAVE KEPT APPEARING AND DISAPPEARING, STRUGGLING TO CATCH YOU FROM BEHIND.

WHAT? I DON'T UNDERSTAND...
RED? WHITE?

SINCE YOU WERE BACK BY BACK, RESTLESSLY LOOKING AROUND....
BUT IT'S PROBABLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO APPEAR BEHIND YOU NOW

SEE YOU.
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TASHIRO
Panasonic
MR. MASAYOSHI, WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW?
LET'S BE QUIET FOR A MOMENT.
.....
.....
.... IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE HE'S COMING
THEN THERE'S NO POINT IN STAYING HERE.

AFTER 33 DAYS, MAYBE WE CAN GET SOME INFO RELATED TO METROPOLI MAN FROM HIM.
LET'S TAKE HIM WITH US.
.....!
WE'LL BE TAKING HIM WITH US!
LISTEN, METROPOLI MAN!
EH?
IT CAN'T BE HELPED SHOULD I KILL AT LEAST ONE OF THEM?
JEEZ, YOU DIDN'T NEED TO SAY IT

WAIT...

A...
A CHILD ...?
EEEH ?!
REALLY ?!
UWAH
A... CHILD ...
A GIRL IS FLOATING IN THE AIR?!!!
AN ANGEL ...
!!

TAKE ME WITH YOU, TOO.
I'M SCARED OF METROPOLI MAN.
PLEASE, LET'S BE ALLIES.
.....
I WAS BULLIED IN SCHOOL
AND THEN I GOT THE WINGS. NOW I'VE HAD A LITTLE FUN...
AND I DON'T WANT TO DIE .. AND YET...
SHE WAS BULLIED, HUH. .?
THEY IGNORED ME AFTER MY FAMILY DIED, BUT...
POOR GIRL...

BUT YOU SHOULDN'T SHOW YOUR FACE.
SAKI...
.....
WHAT KIND OF TRICK IS THIS...?
THERE ARE NO WIRES...
WHAT'S GOING ON?
.....
I ONLY HAVE WINGS, I DON'T HAVE THE ARROW. I DON'T KNOW IF I'LL BE OF ANY HELP, BUT PLEASE...!
WHAT DO WE DO? SHE MAY BE UNDER HIS CONTROL...
.....

IF WE CAN SHOOT YOU WITH THE ARROW, WE'LL TAKE YOU WITH US
OK, SHOOT ME ..
OK, RAISE YOUR HANDS AND COME CLOSER
YES
.....

METROPOLI MAN!!
YOU'RE SLOW!
AAH...

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?
KYA!

GREAT METROPOLI MAN...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? YOU SHOULDN'T HESITATE....
IF THERE'S A CANDIDATE, YOU HAVE TO PIERCE HIM RIGHT AWAY.
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DAMN
DAMN
IT ALL!!
I'M TELLING
YOU...

YOU'RE TOO SLOW, DUMBASS!!
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WHAT'S THIS?
WHAT? HE JUST APPEARED AND DISAPPEARED.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT HE'S DOING
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TASHIBO
KIBIN
AH...
HE'S THERE AGAIN?!

OR I'LL HAVE TO ERASE YOU MYSELF.
I'M SICK OF YOU, GET OUT OF MY SIGHT.
I LOST THE EXPEC-TATIONS I HAD OF YOU.
YOU'RE TOO STUPID AND SLOW. YOU DISAPPOINT ME.
NOW IT'S 2 VS 2.
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2 VS. 2, HUH...
WHAT DO WE DO?
SAVING HER MEANS WE'LL HAVE ANOTHER PAIR OF WINGS
SHE'LL DO AS HE SAYS FOR 33 DAYS
KIRIN
IS THERE ANYONE WHO WANTS TO ALLY WITH US?!
MORE OF US HAVE COME TO THIS STADIUM, RIGHT?!

THE MORE PEOPLE, THE BETTER OUR POSITION!
IF YOU WANT TO BECOME OUR ALLY EVEN IF WE SHOOT YOU WITH THE RED ARROW, PLEASE, SHOW YOURSELVES.
BUT YOU HAVE TO ACCEPT BEING PIERCED BY OUR RED ARROW.
H'm--
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NOT TO MENTION HAVING TO GET SHOT BY RED ARROWS...
YEAH... SHOWING OURSELVES UNDER THESE CIRCUM-STANCES...
I UNDER-STAND THAT IT'S BETTER WITH MORE ALLIES BUT
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AGAIN...?!
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WE WILL BECOME YOUR ALLIES.

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GREEN AND PINK!
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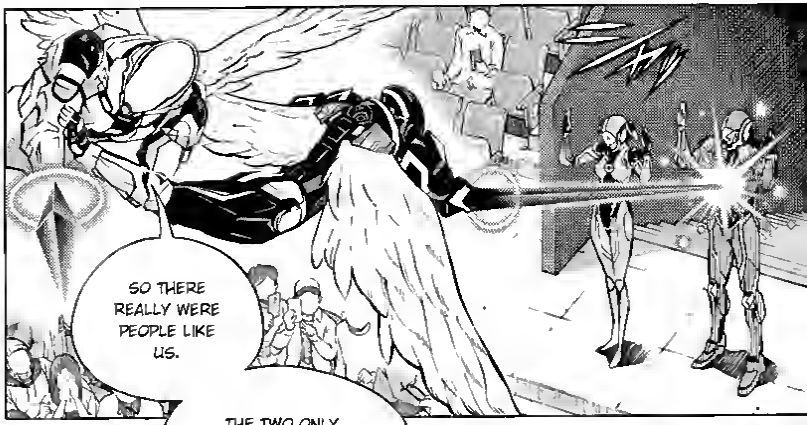
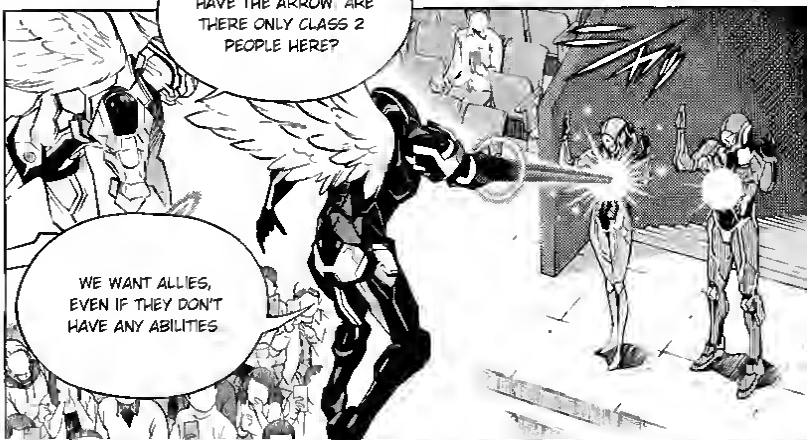
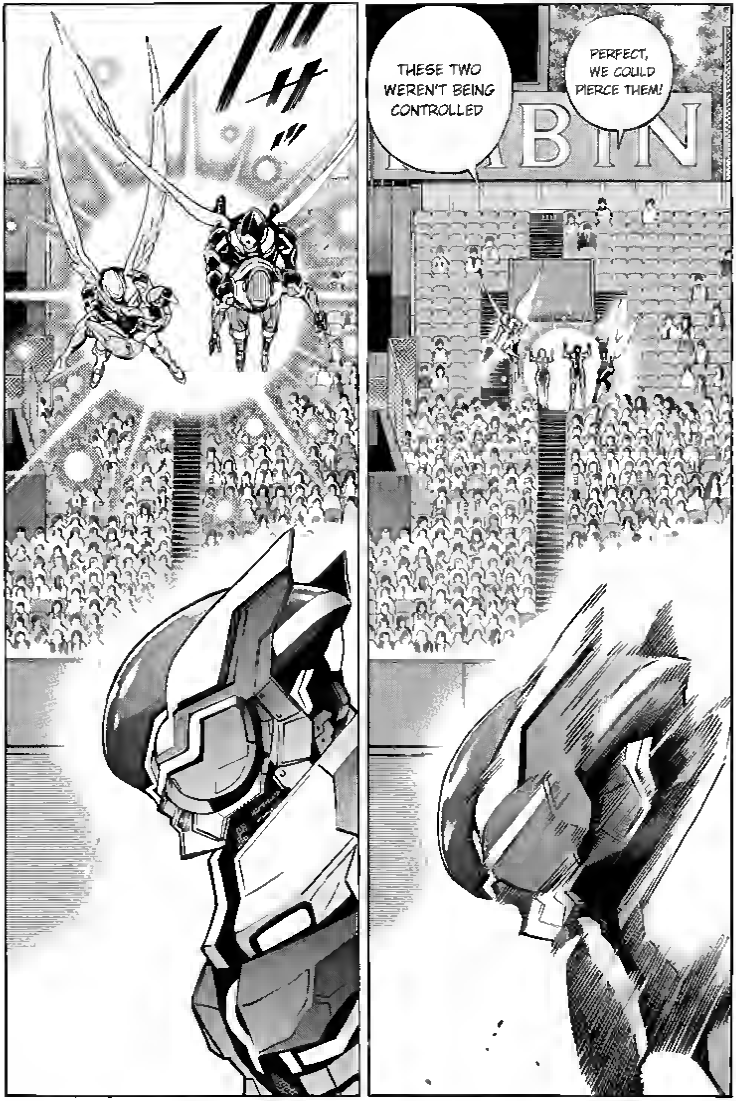
WE ONLY HAVE THE ARROW, WE DON'T HAVE WINGS. IS THAT OK?

I'LL SHOOT HIM THE ARROW!
THERE ARE PEOPLE NEAR, COVER THEM, PLEASE.
YES.


SO THERE REALLY WERE PEOPLE LIKE US.


THE TWO ONLY HAVE THE ARROW. ARE THERE ONLY CLASS 2 PEOPLE HERE?
WE WANT ALLIES, EVEN IF THEY DON'T HAVE ANY ABILITIES.


THESE TWO WEREN'T BEING CONTROLLED
PERFECT, WE COULD PIERCE THEM!

WHAT'S THIS? WE HAVE METROPOLI MAN AND THE METRO BLUE, YELLOW, GREEN AND PINK! WE HAVE THE FULL LINE UP!!

NOW WE HAVE ADVANTAGE IN NUMBERS!
WITH THIS, WE HAVE 4 PEOPLE WHO CAN USE THE RED ARROW!
SINCE THE BIG ANNOUNCE-MENT OF THE MEETING WITH THE 11 ENEMIES...
THIS DEVELOP-MENT, WE STILL DON'T KNOW IF THEY'RE ENEMIES OR ALLIES.
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KAKEHASHI, WE .
THAT'S HALF OF THE 12 REMAINING CANDIDATES...
IF WE JOIN FORCES WITH THEM... WITH SAKI AND ME THAT'S 6 PEOPLE...
ARROWS?
JUST TO BE SURE, SHOW US YOUR ARROWS
EVEN IF YELLOW TELLS ME TO...
THE GREAT BUNMEI ARMY, THE METRO FIVE, HAVE GATHERED!!

(TLN: BUNMEI WAS A JAPANESE ERA FROM APRIL 1469 THROUGH JULY 1487.)

AGAIN!
!
TASHIBA
FUU... JUST WHEN I SAID WE WERE "2VS2"
NOW, THE GREAT POLI-MAN WILL MAKE A BIG ANNOUNCE-MENT ~
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I, METRO-POLI MAN,
AM NOT METRO-POLI MAN.
EH?
YOU REALLY ARE IDIOTS.

I'M THE REAL ONE.
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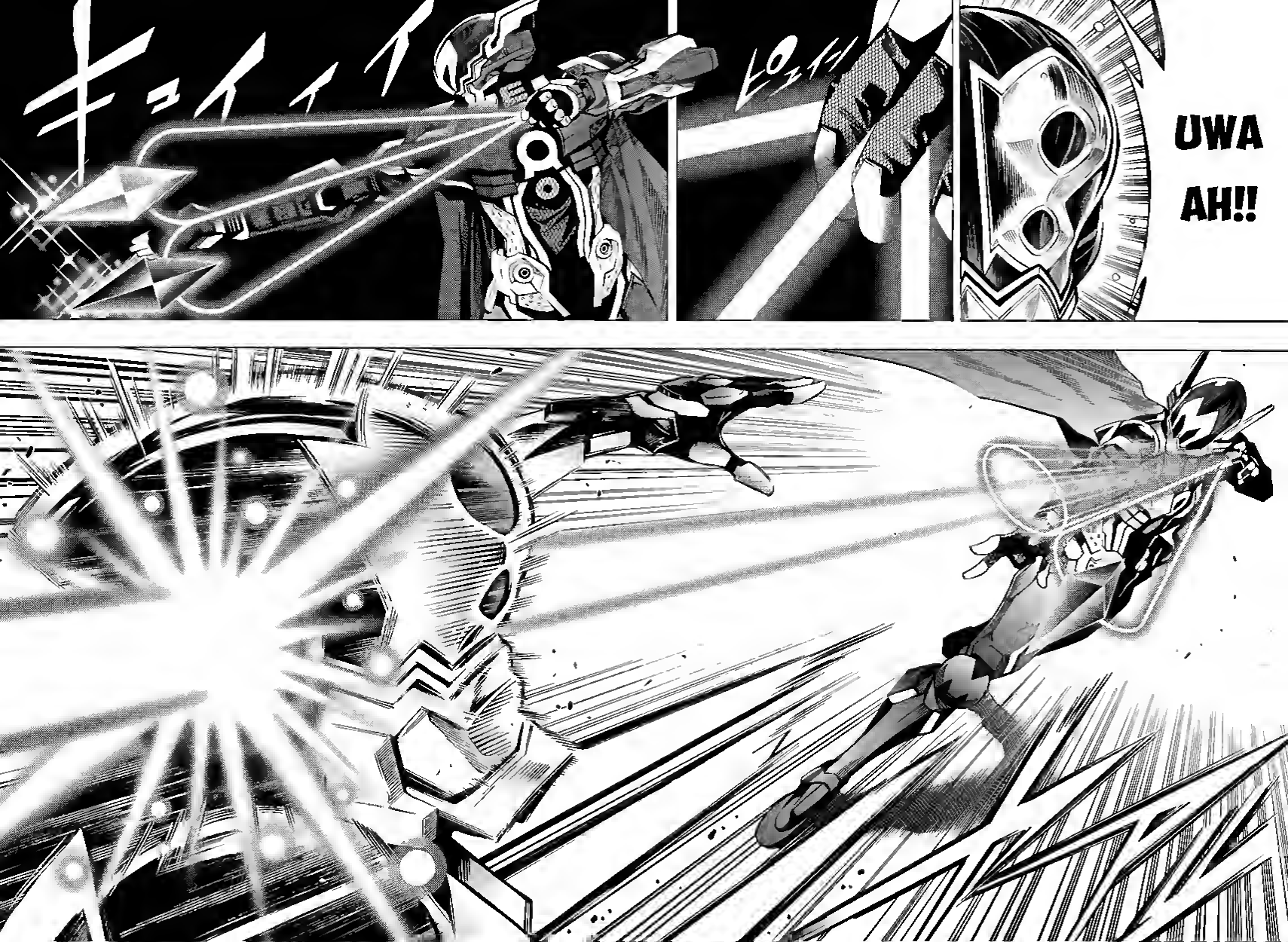
KIRIN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AH!!

HATAKE!!
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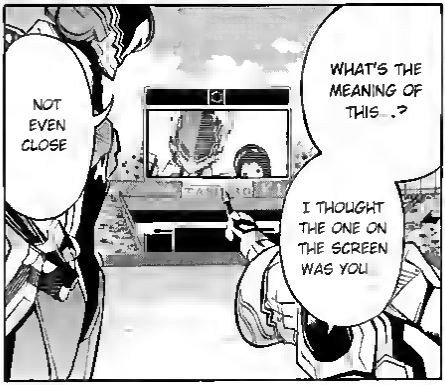
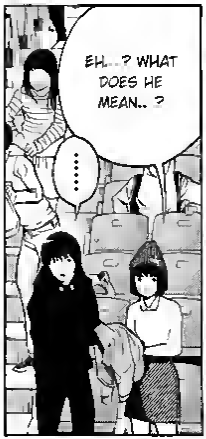
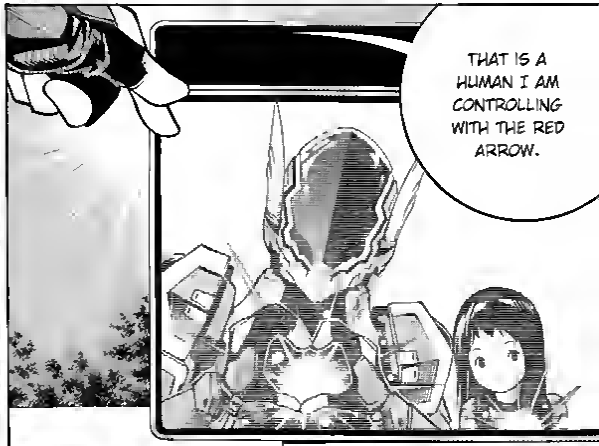
AH
I'M TELLING YOU...

YOU'RE TOO SLOW!

ONE OF THEM WAS KNOCKED OUT, BUT...
WAS THAT THE METRO PONG?
EH? HE KILLED HIM...?
I DON'T LIKE THIS...
SO ARE THEY REALLY FIGHTING...?
THIS IS BAD...
WAI.... I'M GOING HOME...
DON'T... DON'T PUSH!
HE WAS MURDERED ...!!
THE WHITE ARROW...
YELLOW WAS SHOT WITH THE RED ARROW...



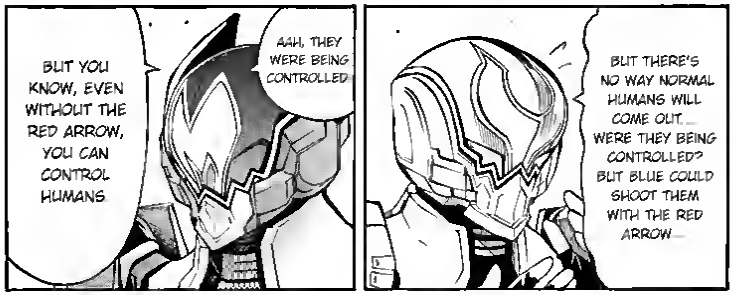




Entry Coco.Cola TASHIBO

I JUST CHANGED PLACES WITH HIM WHEN YOU WENT TO SHOOT THE ONES WHO APPEARED FROM THE OUT-FIELD STANDS
EVERYONE WAS LOOKING THAT WAY.
IT WAS SO EASY!
YOU'RE TOO AFRAID OF THE RED ARROW.
THAT'S WHY YOU MADE THE GIRL RAISE HER HANDS.
AND YOU DID THE SAME TO GREEN AND PINK.
YOU COULD TELL THAT THE GIRL WAS A CANDIDATE BECAUSE SHE HAS WINGS, BUT YOU HAD TO CONFIRM THAT THOSE TWO HAD THE ARROW, RIGHT?

GOOD JOB.
IN FACT, GREEN AND PINK WERE NORMAL HUMANS I HAD PREPARED.
EH?


BUT YOU KNOW, EVEN WITHOUT THE RED ARROW, YOU CAN CONTROL HUMANS
AAH, THEY WERE BEING CONTROLLED
BUT THERE'S NO WAY NORMAL HUMANS WILL COME OUT... WERE THEY BEING CONTROLLED? BUT BLUE COULD SHOOT THEM WITH THE RED ARROW...

PLEASE, TELL ME.
YOU WANT TO KNOW HOW DID I DO IT? WANT ME TO TELL YOU?

MONEY
I PAID THEM TO ACT AS HEROES.
THEY EARNED AN UNIMAGINABLE AMOUNT OF MONEY.
OH, GREAT POLI-MAN,
I WAS SUCH A FOOL.
WELL, THEN
CHII, COME TO THE GROUNDS.
YES
WE WILL BEGIN THE SECOND STAGE.
THIS SOLO RECITAL WON'T END...!!

PLATINUM END.....TO BE CONTINUED IN THE MAY ISSUE

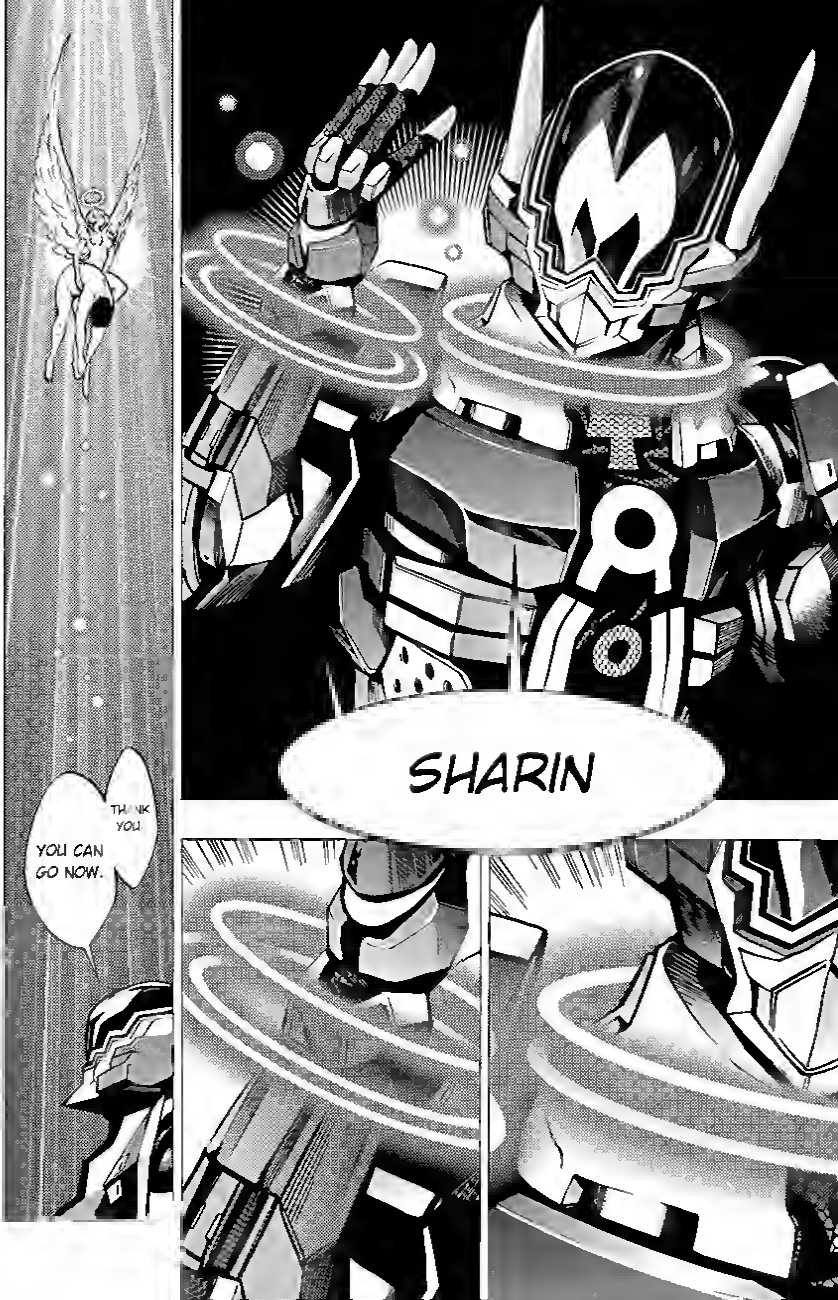
#6 A TALK IN PRIVATE
ONLY ONE WILL BECOME GOD
STORY: OBA TSUGUMI
ART: OBATA TAKESHI

WELL THEN, LET US BEGIN THE SECOND STAGE.
HE'S ACHIEVING HIS GOAL ...!

UP UNTIL NOW, EVERYTHING HAS GONE JUST AS METROPOLI MAN WANTED...
YEAH, I DIDN'T EVEN UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENED IN THE FIRST STAGE...
WHAT'S THIS SECOND STAGE, EXACTLY? WE CAN'T TAKE OUR EYES OFF. PLEASE, STAY TUNED!
NO, HE OTHER TWO WERE SHOT WITH THE RED ARROW.
KILLED ONE OF THEM WITH THE WHITE ARROW
HE LURED CANDIDATES OUT,
WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO HIDE THAT WE ARE CANDIDATES...
ONE FALSE STEP AND WE'LL BE MURDERED...?
I, M NO MATCH FOR HIM...
SHOOTING METROPOLI MAN WITH THE RED ARROW IF I HAVE THE CHANCE...? HOW COULD I BE SO NAIVE?

THE ANGEL OVER THERE
HEY, YOU,
YES, YOU. WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING SO NONCHALANTLY?

SO SHREWD.
GIVE THEM TO ME.
THE ARROWS AND WINGS YOU GAVE HIM BELONG TO ME NOW.
SHARIN


THANK YOU.
YOU CAN GO NOW.
SHARIN

YOU TWO PART-TIMERS AND MY DOUBLE, YOU CAN GO NOW, TOO
WHAT? ALREADY?
EVEN AFTER ALL THAT MONEY YOU GAVE US?
THANKS, DUDE!
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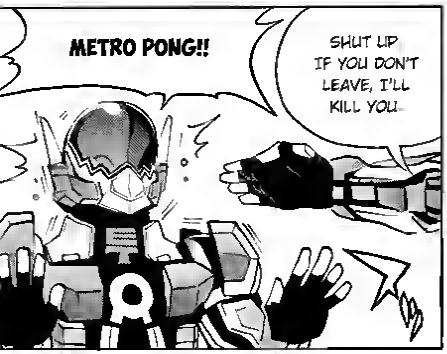
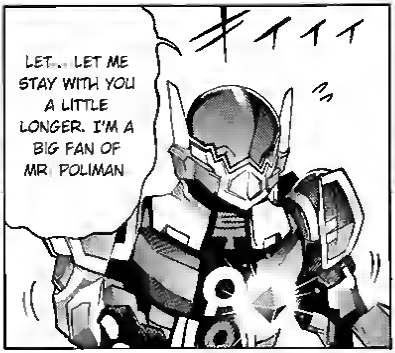

METRO PONG!!
SHUT UP IF YOU DON'T LEAVE, I'LL KILL YOU.


LET... LET ME STAY WITH YOU A LITTLE LONGER. I'M A BIG FAN OF MR. POLIMAN
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SURE.

WELL THEN, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME!! CALL ME AGAIN ANYTIME YOU NEED ME!!

SO THERE REALLY WAS A FAKE ONE? CAN WE CONFIRM IT?
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS...!
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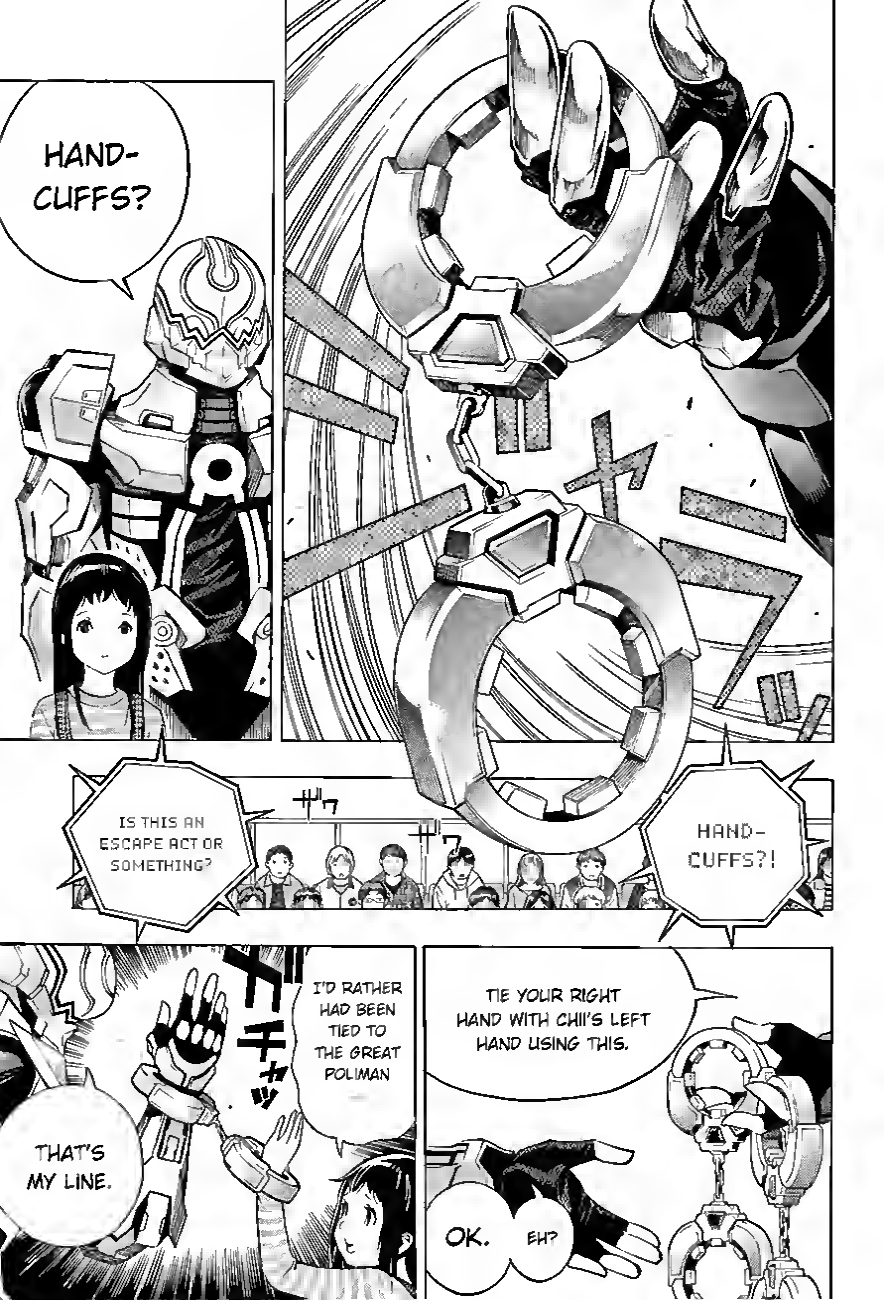
JUST WHEN THE 5 OF THEM GATHERED
SO BORING
WHAT? EVERYBODY LEFT
AND HE SAID THE SECOND STAGE WAS GOING TO START.
WHAT ARE YOU SO SCARED OF? IT'S GETTING GOOD NOW!
MORE IMPORTANT, BLUE DIED, RIGHT? SO SCARY!
NOW THEN, SHALL WE BEGIN?
KASHA


HAND-CUFFS?
HAND-CUFFS?!
IS THIS AN ESCAPE ACT OR SOMETHING?
TIE YOUR RIGHT HAND WITH CHII'S LEFT HAND USING THIS.
EH?
OK.
I'D RATHER HAD BEEN TIED TO THE GREAT POLIMAN
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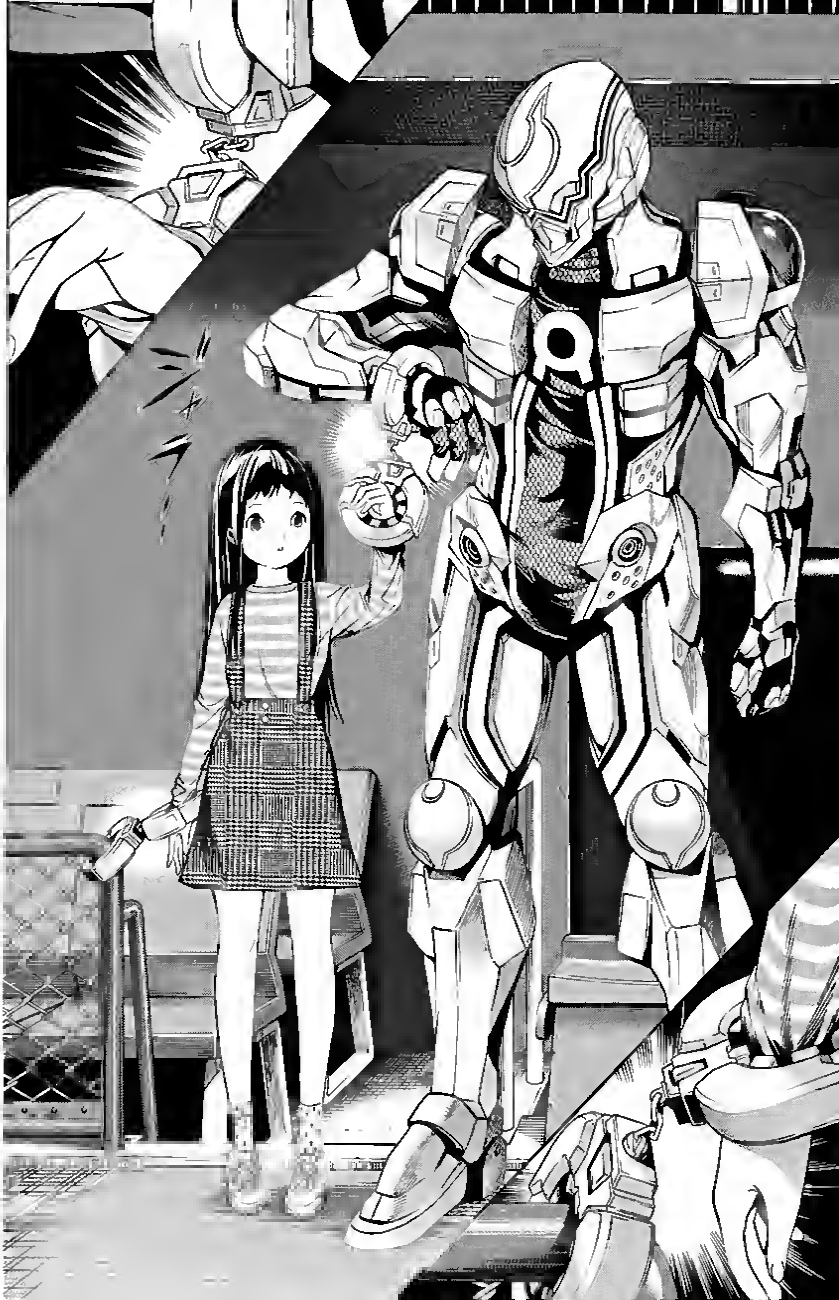
THAT'S MY LINE.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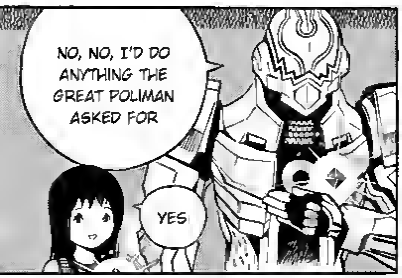
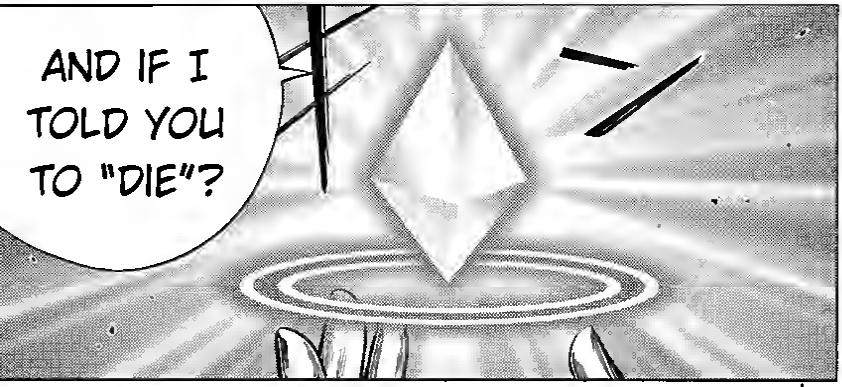
GOOD BOY, YELLOW. LET'S START WITH YOU.


NO, NO, I'D DO ANYTHING THE GREAT POLIMAN ASKED FOR
YES

YOU'VE BEEN PIERCED BY MY RED ARROW, BUT THERE'S A LIMIT TO THE THINGS YOU CAN DO FOR ME.


AND IF I TOLD YOU TO "DIE"?

WELL, THAT'S
IT WOULD BE DIFFERENT IF I ASKED YOU TO DO SOMETHING SO HORRIBLE TO ME YOU COULD DIE. BUT THAT'S NOT IT, RIGHT?

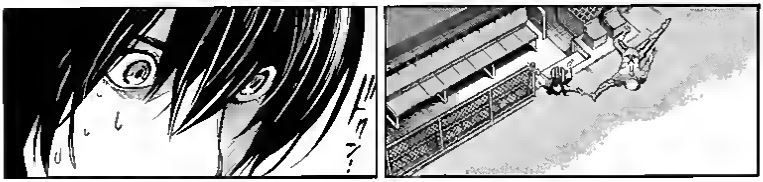
THE WHITE ARROW!

WAH! THAT'S DANGERO...
WHAT IF I TRIED TO KILL YOU WITH THE WHITE ARROW?
N-
NO...
OUCH!
WAI...
DON'T POINT IT AT ME, PLEASE!
IT'S... IT'S A JOKE, RIGHT?
OF COURSE NOT.
SEE? YOU'RE TRYING TO FLY AWAY.
THE RED ARROW HAS A LIMIT.

UWAAAAAAAH!
STOOOOOOOP!
OWW!
YOU'RE HURTING ME!

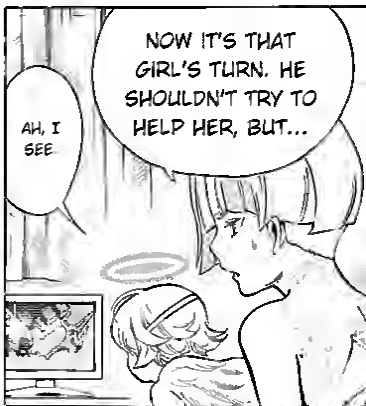
ME☆METRO YELLOW HAS BEEN KNOCKED DOWN
THIS WAS METRO PONG..., RIGHT?
WASN'T METROPOLI MAN A HERO OF JUSTICE?
SO SCARY
IT CAN'T BE...
THIS THIS IS A SHOW, RIGHT?
SO CRUEL
THE METRO PONG...

I CAN'T... KEEP ON WATCHING THIS.
ISN'T THIS REALLY DANGER-OUS?!
SO HE REALLY WAS A VILLAIN?!



NOOOOO!
DOOOON'T!

MIRAI SHOULD BE OKAY... RIGHT?
EH? WHY DO YOU SAY SO?


NOW IT'S THAT GIRL'S TURN. HE SHOULDN'T TRY TO HELP HER, BUT...
AH, I SEE

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
IS SHE EVIL TOO?
HE'S AIMING FOR THE LITTLE GIRL! IS THAT THE METRO PONG?!
NO
HELP ME
UWAAAAH
SAKI
HE'S GOING TO KILL HER.
FUCK! WHAT SHOULD I DO?!

AND GET NEAR HIM WITH MY INCREDIBLE SPEED?
SHOULD GET THE RED ARROW READY...
SFX: DON DON DON
I CAN'T DIE!
ONE FALSE STEP, AND I'LL BE KILLED.
IF HE GETS AWAY FROM THE ARROW BEFORE IT HITS HIM, I'D BE JUST EXPOSING MYSELF AS A CANDIDATE.
NO!
I MUST NOT DIE!

CRAP
CRAP
BUT AT THIS RATE ...
SFX: DON DON DON
MOVE!
DON'T PUSH!
CRAP!
.....
SA... SAKI, IS THERE NOTHING WE CAN DO?
I... I DON'T KNOW
KYAAA
OUCH...

PLEASE, STOP!
I OBVIOUSLY WON'T STOP UNLESS YOU PROPOSE SOMETHING THAT'D MAKE ME WANT TO... CLASS 2 ANGELS REALLY ARE DUMB
HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "STOP"?
.....

YOU'RE SO FUNNY... YOU TOO, BEG FOR YOUR LIFE.
S-
SOMEONE ...
SOMEONE, HELP US, PLEASE!
HELP US!!
NOOOO

SO GOOD
YOU'RE SO GOOD AT IT.
HELP US!! NOOO!!
.....
.....
I DON'T WANNA DIE!
HELP US!!
WAAA AAAH
SOMEONE, HELP US!!!
SFX FLAP FLAP
PLEASE !!
YEAH. KEEP ON SCREAMING.
BEG FOR YOUR LIVES!!

THIS IS JUST..
EVEN FOR TV...
HELP ...
.....
YOU COWARD CANDIDATES SAVE US!
NO!
ARE YOU GONNA WATCH HOW THIS LITTLE GIRL DIES?!
.....
WAA AAAH
NO, NO, NOOOOO!

SAKI
STOP
...
AAA
AAAH
WAA
AAA
DON'T
EXPOSE
YOUR-
SELF!
MAKE
HIM
STOP
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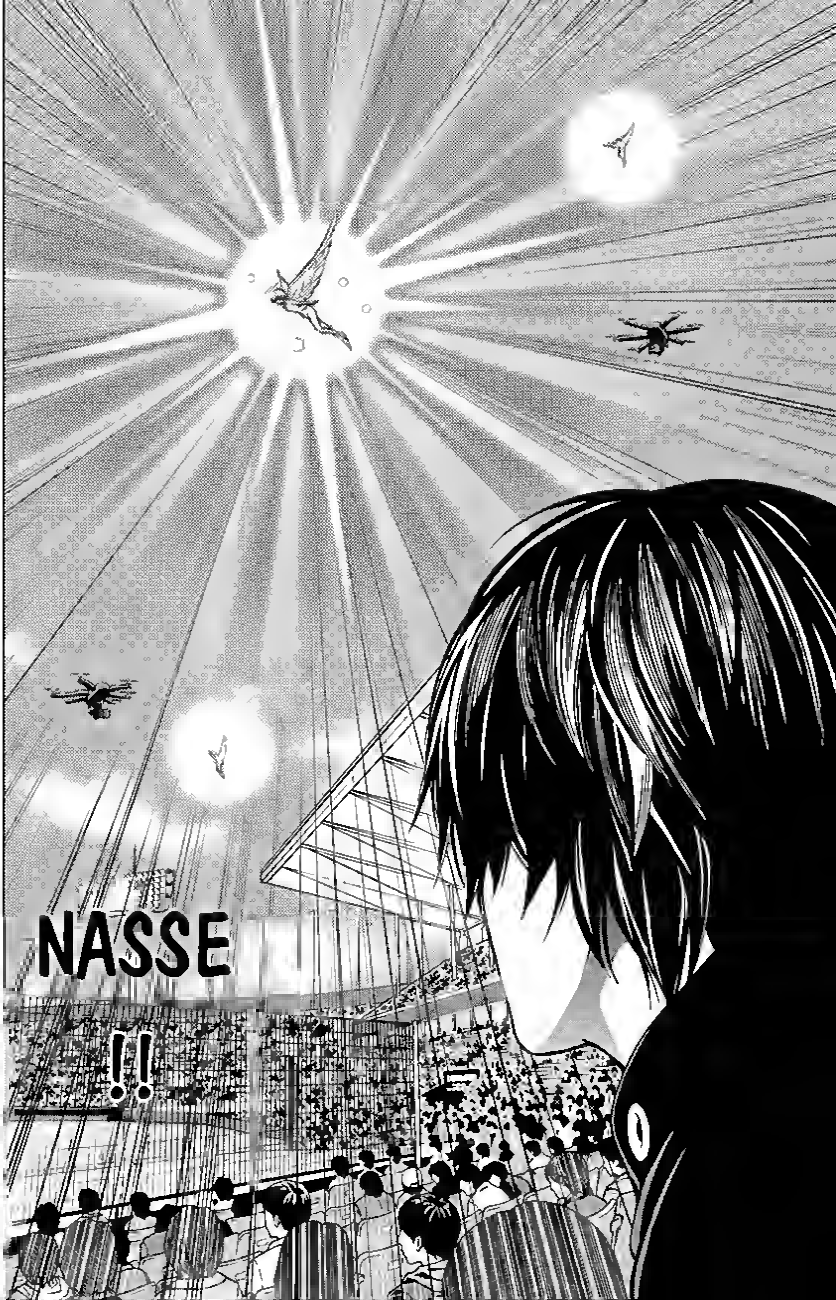
DON'T MOVE!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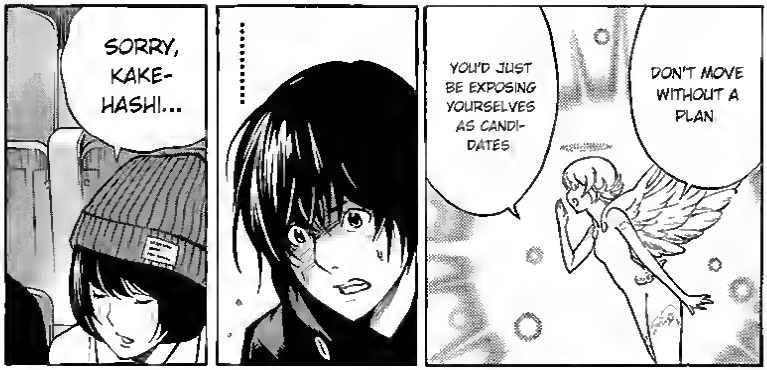
SORRY, KAKE-HASHI...
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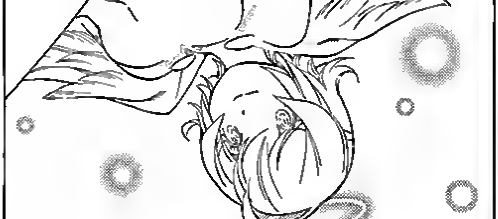
YOU'D JUST BE EXPOSING YOURSELVES AS CANDI-DATES
DON'T MOVE WITHOUT A PLAN

.....
NASSE IS RIGHT, IF WE GO...

NO, IF HE DOESN'T LURE ANYMORE CANDIDATES OUT, HE WON'T KILL HER RIGHT NOW...
BU-BUT... AT THIS RATE, THAT LITTLE GIRL WILL BE...
SHE'S HIS ALLY FOR AT LEAST 33 DAYS...



BUT MY ANGEL IS SEXIER.
WELL, SINCE I LIKE CUTE ANGELS I GUESS THIS TIME IT'S OK

EVEN IF YOU KEEP ON USING THAT GIRL, THE CANDIDATES WON'T COME OUT.

I SEE, SHE'S OF NO USE ANYMORE.

YOU'RE NOT WHO I WANT TO LURE.
WHAT? AN ANGEL AGAIN?

...THE LITTLE GIRL WAS KILLED BY
HEY ...
THIS DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT
SE... SERIOUSLY ..?
THE METRO PONG ..?

I'M SORRY. DID YOU THINK THAT I WOULDN'T KILL THE GIRL BECAUSE THE CANDIDATES WON'T COME OUT?
MY ONLY OBJECTIVE IS TO DECIMATE THE CANDIDATES.

HM? YOU CAME TO SHOW ME YOUR PRETTY FACE?
NO, I JUST WANT TO HAVE A TALK WITH YOU IN PRIVATE.

YOU'RE "SORRY"? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
UNLESS IT'S MY CANDIDATE, I DON'T FEEL ANYTHING IF A HUMAN DIES.
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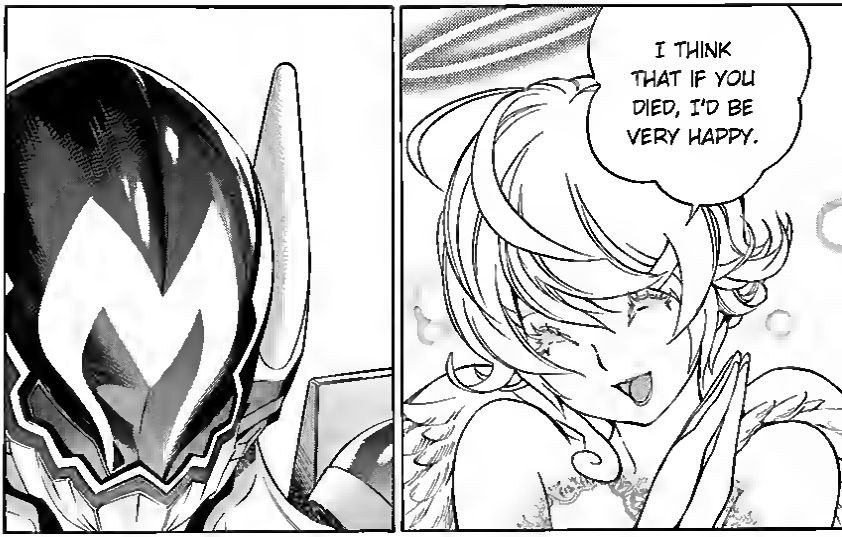
HA HA
BECAUSE YOU'RE AN ANGEL
YEAH, BUT...


I THINK THAT IF YOU DIED, I'D BE VERY HAPPY.

I SEE. YOU WANT TO MAKE YOUR OWN CANDIDATE GOD.
THEN YOU SHOULD BE GRATEFUL TO ME, BECAUSE I REDUCED THE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES BY 3 TODAY.

WHAT IS HE MUMBLING ALONE?
...I CAN HEAR HIM, BUT... I CAN'T UNDERSTAND A THING.

I DON'T WANT TO MAKE MY CANDIDATE GOD.
I WANT TO MAKE HIM HAPPY.
...?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
MY GOODNESS... ALL THE ANGELS ARE WEIRDOS....
AND YOU'RE A NUISANCE IN HIS WAY TO HAPPINESS.
!

WHAT IN THE WORLD...
NASSE
...
AND YOUR BASIS IS...?
NOPE.
I'M THE ONE BECOMING GOD.
EVEN IF YOU SAY I'M A NUISANCE
BECAUSE IN THE WORST OF CASES, MY PARTNER WILL KILL YOU.

HEH
YOU'RE A SPECIAL CLASS ANGEL DESPITE BEING THAT CUTE AND YOUNG?
IN THAT CASE, MAYBE MY TENDERNESS IS "SPECIAL CLASS."

WELL THEN, LET'S GO BACK.
LET'S GO TOGETHER WITH THE REST.
IF YOU STAY FOREVER, YOU'LL STAND OUT TOO MUCH.
BLEND IN WITH THE PEOPLE GOING BACK HOME AND GO BACK AS USUAL.
.....
KAKE-HASHI...
RIGHT
LET'S GO...
SEE YOU, METROPOLI MAN.

WELL THEN...
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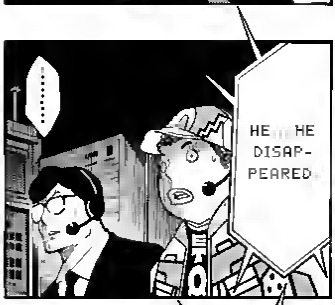
YELLOW AND CHII'S ANGELS
WILL YOU GIVE ME THE ARROW AND THE WINGS?
SHARIN
SHARIN


HE... HE DISAP-PEARED...

SEEMS LIKE... THIS IS THE END...
RIGHT NOW THE AMBULANCE IS COMING TO GET THE BODIES OF THE PEOPLE WHO AR-DOWN, BUT
OH...
WE'LL CHANGE TO THE STADIUM TEMPO-RARILY...
WE'RE LOSING SOUND OF THE MICS

SHARIN...
JUST 8 MORE.

WHAT WAS THAT?
A MURDER SHOW?
A MOVIE?
WERE WE EXTRAS?
BUT DID THEY DIE FOR REAL?
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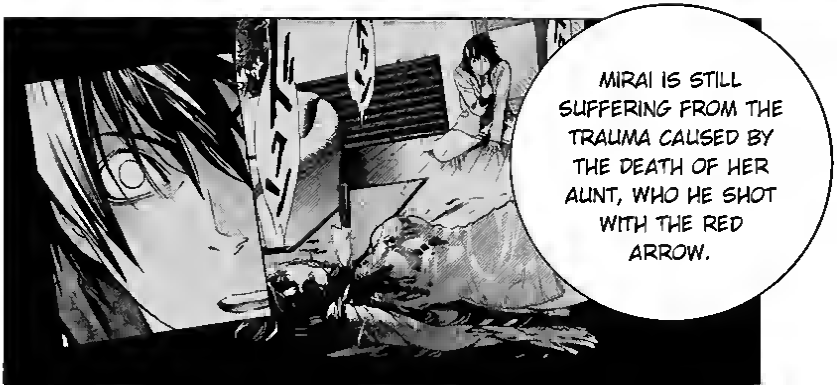
WERE JUST KILLED IN FRONT OF ME..
3 PEOPLE...
I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING...

YOU DID A GOOD JOB STOPPING THEM
HERE—WE CAN SEE IF METROPOLI MAN CHANGES PLACES IN SLOW MOTION, BUT...
3 PEOPLE HAVE PASSED AWAY, SO WE'LL TALK ABOUT THAT
HE KILLED 3 PEOPLE AGAIN...
WITHOUT HESITATION.

I DON'T THINK HE'LL APPEAR IN THAT FORM AGAIN.
NOW WE CONFIRMED THAT ALL METROPOLI MAN CAN DO IS KILL.
STILL, WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO MAKE MIRAI KILL HIM.
PLEASE, DON'T SAY THAT TO MIRAI WHEN HE COMES BACK.

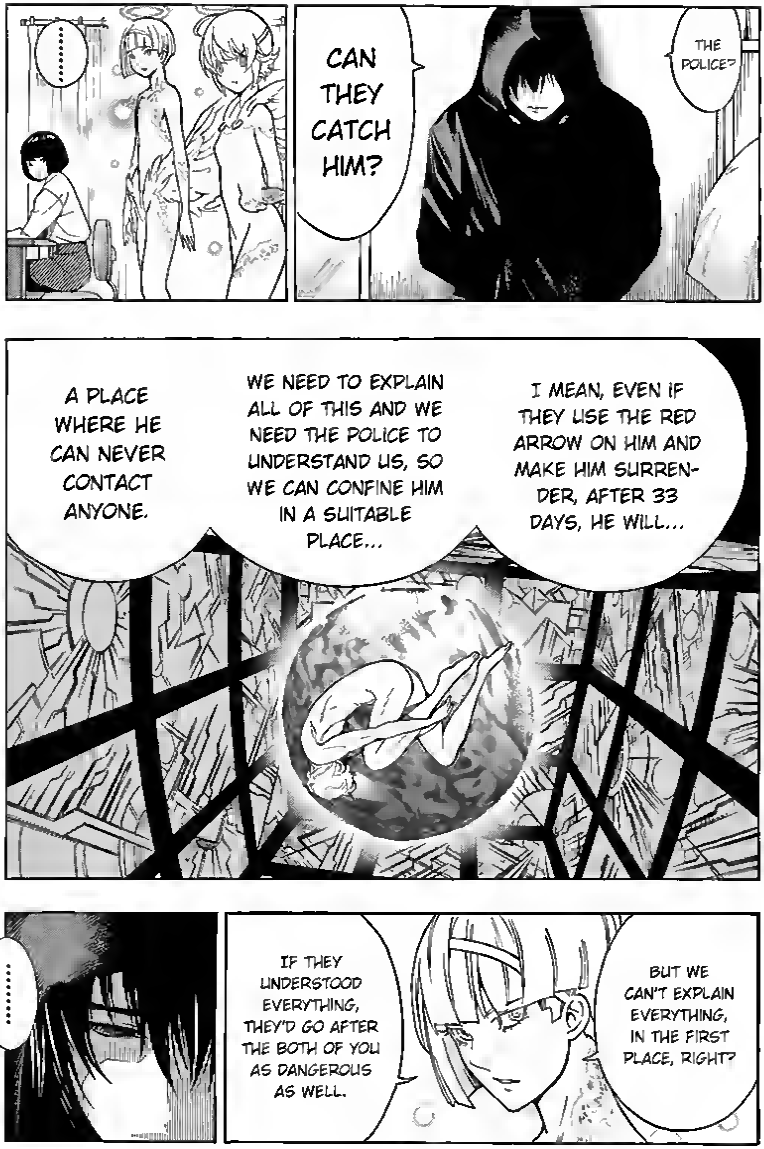
WHY NOT? IF WE DON'T DO THAT, I CAN THINK OF A GOOD FUTURE FOR NEITHER SAKI NOR MIRAI.
I UNDER-STAND THAT,
BUT


MIRAI IS STILL SUFFERING FROM THE TRAUMA CAUSED BY THE DEATH OF HER AUNT, WHO HE SHOT WITH THE RED ARROW.

A PERSON WHO THINKS THAT HE CAN BE HAPPY BY KILLING OTHERS.
PLUS, HE'S A PERSON WHO DOESN'T DO THINGS IF HE'S NOT WILLING TO.
YOU'RE RIGHT, INSISTING THAT HE GO KILL HIM MAY HAVE THE OPPOSITE EFFECT.
BECAUSE HE'S NOT

I COULDN'T DO ANY-THING...
I LET 3 PEOPLE DIE...
IT WAS US ANGELS WHO TOLD YOU NOT TO DO ANYTHING AND STOPPED YOU.
KAKEHASHI, IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT. METROPOLI MAN IS THE ONE YOU SHOULD HATE...
HATE
...

HE'S KILLED 4 PEOPLE SO FAR...
...OF COURSE... I CAN'T FORGIVE HIM. HE EVEN KILLED THAT LITTLE GIRL...
SAKI, DO YOU HATE METROPOLI MAN?
EVEN SAKI HATES PEOPLE...
YEAH.
THE POLICE WILL MOVE.
IT'S ABOUT TIME THEY NOTICE THE 3 VICTIMS WERE GOOD CITIZENS.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CAN THEY CATCH HIM?
THE POLICE?
A PLACE WHERE HE CAN NEVER CONTACT ANYONE.
WE NEED TO EXPLAIN ALL OF THIS AND WE NEED THE POLICE TO UNDERSTAND US, SO WE CAN CONFINE HIM IN A SUITABLE PLACE...
I MEAN, EVEN IF THEY USE THE RED ARROW ON HIM AND MAKE HIM SURRENDER, AFTER 33 DAYS, HE WILL...
.....
IF THEY UNDERSTOOD EVERYTHING, THEY'D GO AFTER THE BOTH OF YOU AS DANGEROUS AS WELL.
BUT WE CAN'T EXPLAIN EVERYTHING, IN THE FIRST PLACE, RIGHT?

SO OUR ONLY OPTION IS TO KILL HIM?
... BUT WE CAN'T.
I CAN'T DO IT...

SINCE THE MOMENT MY FAMILY DIED WHEN I WAS A KID, I CAN'T FORGET MOM AND DAD'S WORDS.
SINCE I GOT BACK HERE, I'M ALWAYS REMEMBERING THEM.

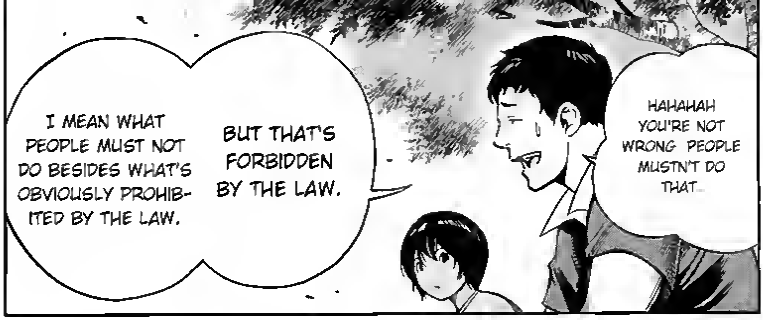
THAT'S WHY
I CAN'T KILL.
I CAN'T HATE PEOPLE.

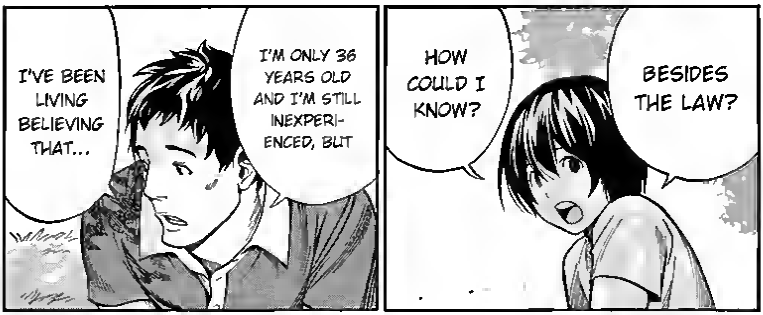
C'MON, AKIRA, HANG IN THERE!
HN
HNN
C'MON, YOU'RE ALMOST THERE! JUST A LITTLE BIT!
HNNNNN NNNNNN
AH
HAHAHA
HAHAHA!

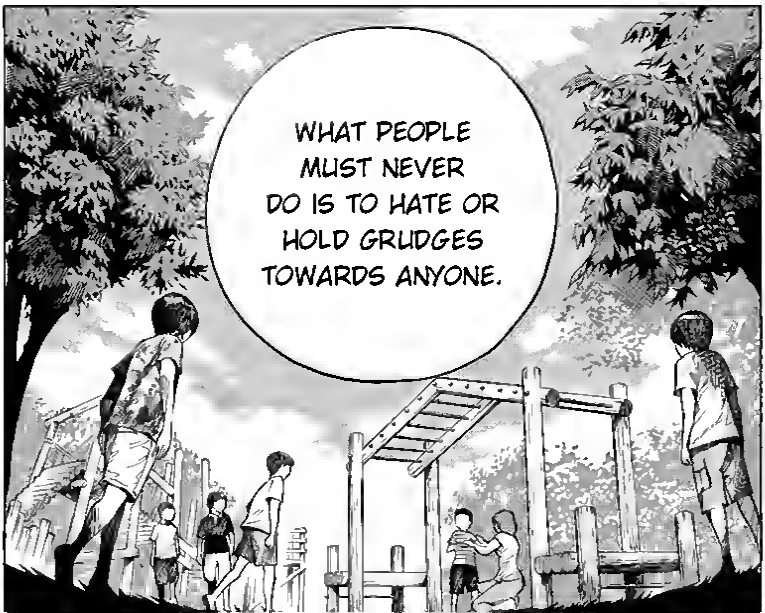
OF COURSE I AM, BEING WITH MY FAMILY IS THE MOST FUN EVER!
YEAH!
HAVING FUN MIRAI?
SAME HERE... BEING ABLE TO SPEND MY DAY OFF WITH YOU IS WHAT MAKES ME HAPPIEST.
DAD
YES?
I'M HAPPY RIGHT NOW, BUT
IT'S NOT THAT ...
?
AH, DON'T MIND HER, THAT'S LIKE HER FAVORITE PHRASE
MUM IS ALWAYS SAYING THAT "WE'RE BORN TO BECOME HAPPY".

TO BE HAPPY FOR-EVER,
I WONDER WHAT CAN I DO TO MAKE EVERYONE HAPPY?
HAPPY FOREVER, HUH...?
ISN'T "HAPPINESS" REALLY JUST OUR IMAGINATION?

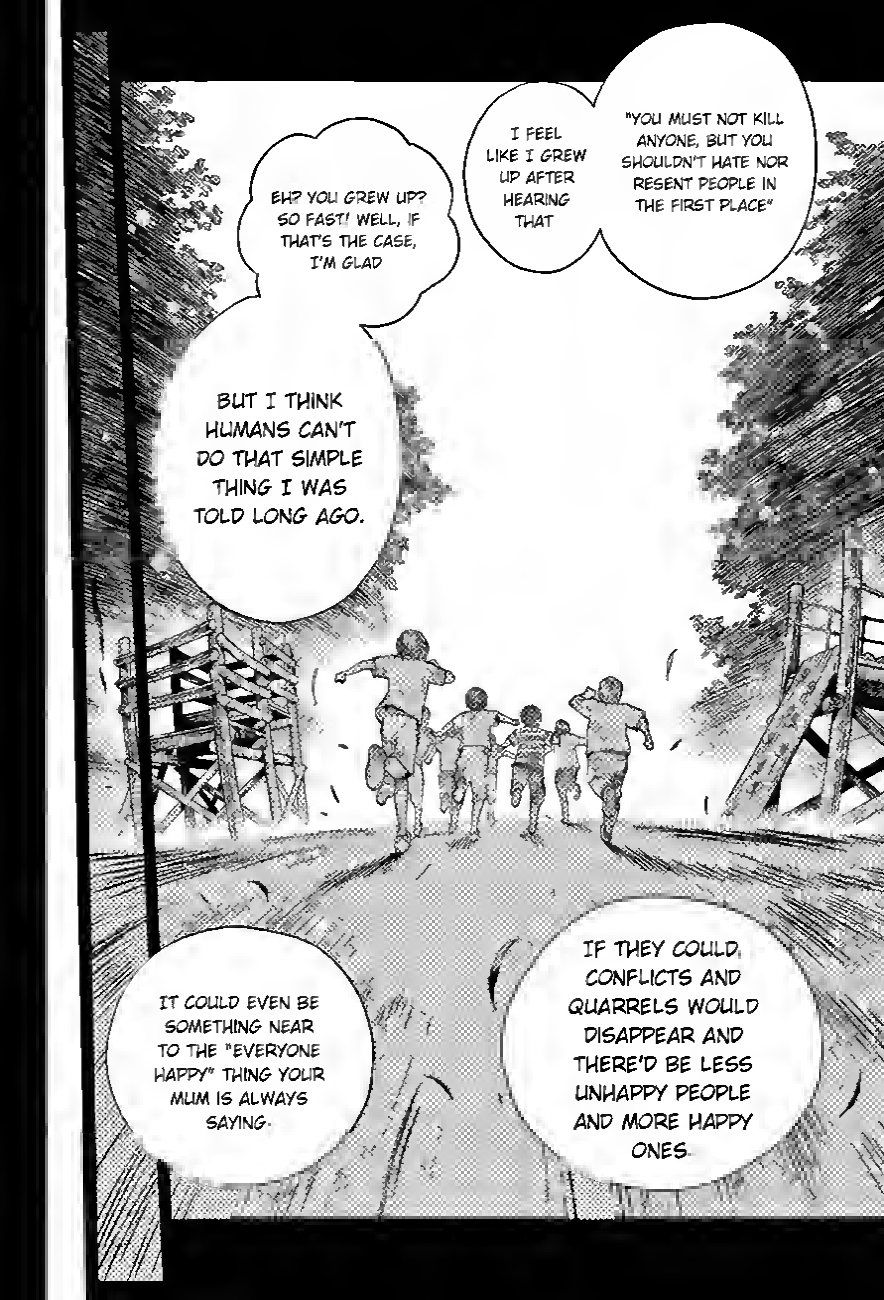
EH? I WAS BEING SERIOUS...
BOO!
HAHAHA YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS.
EH?
MIRAI, WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE NUMBER ONE THING PEOPLE MUST NEVER DO?
BUT THERE ARE TIMES WHEN YOU CAN'T FEEL HAPPINESS BY IMAGINING IT SO THAT WOULDN'T WORK FOR EVERYONE
THINGS SUCH AS KILLING...?
.....
WHAT SOMEONE MUST NEVER DO AS A HUMAN.


HAHAHAH YOU'RE NOT WRONG PEOPLE MUSTN'T DO THAT...
BUT THAT'S FORBIDDEN BY THE LAW.
I MEAN WHAT PEOPLE MUST NOT DO BESIDES WHAT'S OBVIOUSLY PROHIBITED BY THE LAW.


BESIDES THE LAW?
HOW COULD I KNOW?
I'M ONLY 36 YEARS OLD AND I'M STILL INEXPERIENCED, BUT
I'VE BEEN LIVING BELIEVING THAT...


WHAT PEOPLE MUST NEVER DO IS TO HATE OR HOLD GRUDGES TOWARDS ANYONE.

NOTHING GOOD CAN COME FROM IT.
OF COURSE, MY HEART
CAN'T BE COMPARED WITH OTHER PEOPLE'S HEARTS.
YOU REALLY ARE AN ADULT, DAD.
WHY DO YOU SAY SO?


"YOU MUST NOT KILL ANYONE, BUT YOU SHOULDN'T HATE NOR RESENT PEOPLE IN THE FIRST PLACE"
I FEEL LIKE I GREW UP AFTER HEARING THAT
EH? YOU GREW UP? SO FAST! WELL, IF THAT'S THE CASE, I'M GLAD
BUT I THINK HUMANS CAN'T DO THAT SIMPLE THING I WAS TOLD LONG AGO.
IF THEY COULD, CONFLICTS AND QUARRELS WOULD DISAPPEAR AND THERE'D BE LESS UNHAPPY PEOPLE AND MORE HAPPY ONES.
IT COULD EVEN BE SOMETHING NEAR TO THE "EVERYONE HAPPY" THING YOUR MUM IS ALWAYS SAYING.

MUM, DAD, I...
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
NO ONE TOLD YOU TO KILL METROPOLI MAN.
THAT'S RIGHT, WE ONLY SAID WE CAN'T JUST LET HIM BE.
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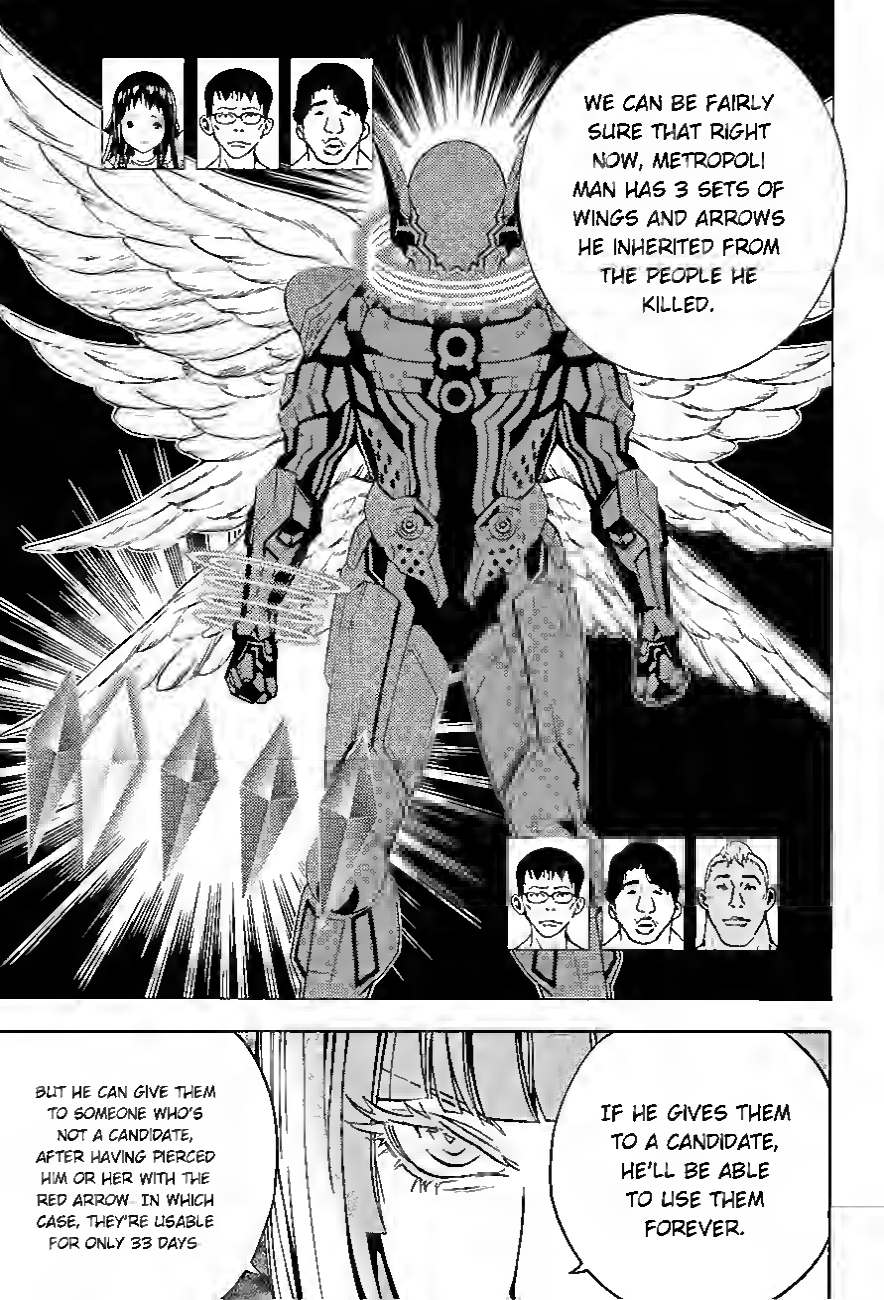
ALLIES ...

ALMOST EVERY CANDIDATE WHO WENT TO THE STADIUM
PROBABLY DOESN'T THINK WELL OF METROPOLI MAN
IF WE JOIN FORCES ...

NOW WE'RE 2 VS 2
IS THERE ANYONE WHO WANTS TO ALLY WITH US?!
TAKE ME WITH YOU
I'M SCARED OF METROPOLI M'N.

IN THIS SITUATION, IT'D BE BEST TO INCREASE OUR NUMBER OF ALLIES
PROBABLY, THE ONLY THING WE CAN DO NOW IS TO GATHER THE CANDIDATES.
YEAH.

I SEE...


WE CAN BE FAIRLY SURE THAT RIGHT NOW, METROPOLI MAN HAS 3 SETS OF WINGS AND ARROWS HE INHERITED FROM THE PEOPLE HE KILLED.
IF HE GIVES THEM TO A CANDIDATE, HE'LL BE ABLE TO USE THEM FOREVER.
BUT HE CAN GIVE THEM TO SOMEONE WHO'S NOT A CANDIDATE, AFTER HAVING PIERCED HIM OR HER WITH THE RED ARROW. IN WHICH CASE, THEY'RE USABLE FOR ONLY 33 DAYS.

IN SHORT, METROPOLI MAN IS A SPECIAL CLASS, BUT WE HAVE TO ASSUME THAT HE HAS 3 PEOPLE WITH THE POWERS OF CLASS ONE ANGELS WITH HIM.
AND WE HAVE ONE SPECIAL AND ONE SECOND CLASS...

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3 ALLIES
I WANT AT LEAST 3 ALLIES WITH AN ANGEL OF CLASS ONE OR ABOVE
BUT HOW DO WE FIND THEM…?
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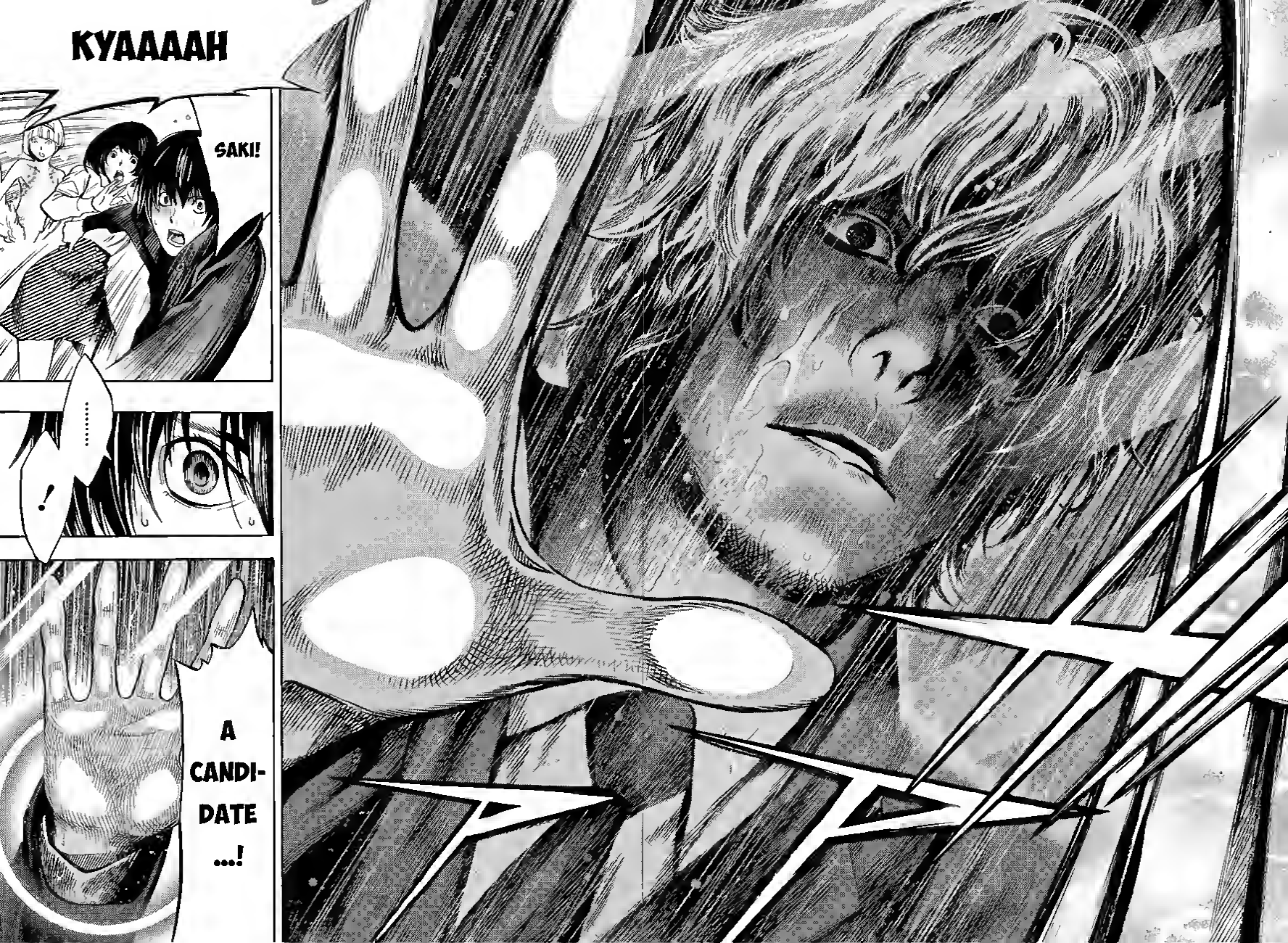
WHAT?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SAKI!
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A CANDI-DATE ...!

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I AGREE WITH YOUR PLAN.
I'M A CANDIDATE WITH WINGS AND THE RED ARROW.
ALTHOUGH I CANNOT USE THE ARROW NOW BECAUSE I HAVE 14 PEOPLE INVESTIGATING THE CANDIDATES OF THE STADIUM.

FIRST THING FIRST, SHOOT ME WITH THE RED ARROW.
SOMEONE HAS COME KNOCKING ON THEIR DOOR... WHAT DOES HE WANT!?
IF YOU DO, YOU'LL HAVE PROOF THAT I'M NOT BEING CONTROLLED
AND THEN, ASK ME "WHAT I'M REALLY THINKING ABOUT" AND I'LL DO AS YOU SAY. C'MON, SHOOT ME.
PLATINUM END
TO BE CONTINUED IN JUNE'S ISSUE